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OHS teacher, students create Otsego coloring book

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

A coloring book depicting various buildings and places associated with Otsego is now available for purchase on Amazon.

The book, titled "Coloring Otsego: Where Will You Go?" was a collaborative effort between Otsego High School graphic arts teacher Matt Grile and some of his students.

Creating the book began at the end of the first trimester last November, continued throughout the second trimester and wrapped up at the start of the third trimester.

According to Grile, the book—which costs $4.73—was a personal one for him and the students.

"One thing about me as a teacher is that I'm not afraid to go big with projects," Grile said. "But this one was different. It wasn't just a project to conquer. It was the idea that our community is a special place to take pride in and ownership of.

"There is an undeniable connection between our youth and their heritage. This connection creates an unbreakable bond that I wanted my students to recognize was in them. Maybe more importantly, I wanted the community to see that as well."

Cassie Holland and Alexia Wine were the students who invested the most time in creating the book.

"Lexi and Cassie were in between projects and looking for ideas," Grile said. "I showed them a coloring book I had created and published. Lexi was leafing through it, commenting on which pages she would or wouldn't color and why.

"So I suggested that we create a coloring book about Otsego. We brainstormed all the places that make Otsego a great place to live and decided on using public spaces that the community would recognize and be able to connect with."

The five Otsego Public Schools buildings—Otsego High School, Otsego Middle School, Alamo Elementary, Dix Street Elementary and Washington Street Elementary—are among the public spaces featured in the book. Also included are Otsego District Public Library, the Otsego Fire Department and the Otsego TOP Pavilion and River Walk.

Holland and Wine were encouraged to take as much ownership of the project as possible.

"Their main jobs were to make decisions on what angles we would use and how much of the space needed to be included on each page," Grile said. "Not only were they creative directors and editors, they also illustrated their fair share of drawings.

"They were involved throughout the entire process and had the final say on what was finished and what needed work."

The process wasn't always a smooth one, as Holland and Wine had to deal with issues that cropped up along the way.

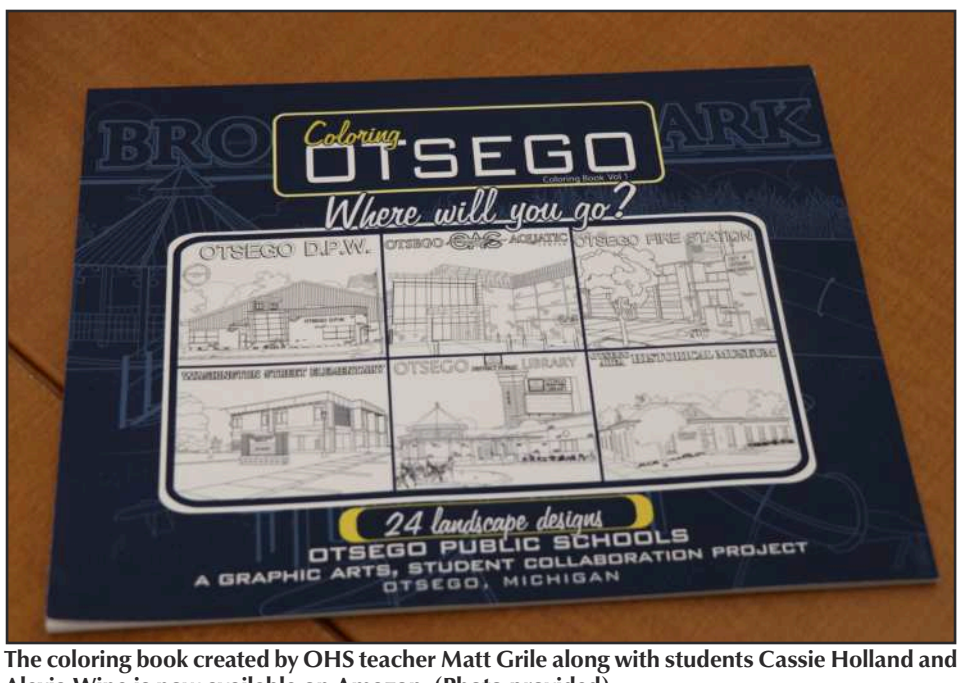
"Quite honestly, it was a very messy process that we had to work through," Grile said. "We also had help from a handful of other students that showed interest. They illustrated or helped make decisions on composition."

Other students who helped Grile, Wine and Holland were Jay Herbert and Mason Miller.

"The students learned about detail and revision, as well as accountability to a group," Grile said. "Overall, I really wanted them to be able to work on a large project and see it through to the end. They accomplished that."

The fact that Grile had created and published other books on Amazon—including the children's book "All My Balloon Friends"—helped when it came to getting "Coloring Otsego" published.

"This wasn't my first time publishing through Amazon, so I knew that we could do it," Grile said. "However, once I started typing my students' names as contributing authors, I realized that this was most likely the first time they had created something that would become an actual product in the real world. That's pretty special."



The coloring book created by OHS teacher Matt Grile along with students Cassie Holland and Alexia Wine is now available on Amazon. (Photo provided)

OHS students Cassie Holland (left) and Alexia Wine (right) are seen with OHS teacher Matt Grile. (Photo provided)

Backyard Games coming to TOP Pavilion on May 18

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

An afternoon of cornhole, disc golf and ladder ball.

That's what you can expect during the Otsego Rotary Backyard Games at the Pavilion on Sunday, May 18, beginning at 2 p.m. at the TOP Riverfront Pavilion.

Cost to participate is $40 per two-person team.

Otsego City Manager Aaron Mitchell, a member of the Rotary Club board, is excited to showcase what the TOP Riverfront Pavilion has to offer the community.

"The idea for (Backyard Games at the Pavilion) is to create a welcoming, fun afternoon of competition between friends while highlighting our free recreation offerings at the pavilion," Mitchell said.

"The placement of this event at the pavilion is not by accident. The City's investment in disc golf baskets, ladder ball stands and cornhole boards are a huge asset for the community. And I think many do not even know that they are located down there. The City knows that this area is the future of the downtown, and we we're looking forward to the opportunity to show that."

All equipment will be provided, meaning participants need only bring themselves and their teammate.

"All three activities are held at the same time and teams are constantly playing something," Mitchell said. "At least that's that goal."

The overall winner will receive an outdoor-game-themed prize. The prize for last year's inaugural event was the game Kan Jam.

Money raised through Backyard Games at the Pavilion will be used for the Rotary Club's general fund to help support various projects throughout the year. Those projects include providing $2,000 in scholarships to Otsego High School graduates and purchasing $3,000 worth of books for Otsego elementary students to help prevent the "summer slide" in reading comprehension.

"I feel like all of our money goes to wonderful causes that have an immediate impact in the Otsego community," Mitchell said. "We are always willing to take donations as well if anyone is interested doing that."

Last year's event, which was called Backyard Olympics, was well-received by those who participated, according to Mitchell.

"Considering it was the first time we held it, I think it went pretty well," he said. "Those who were there didn't really want to go home when it was over. And I am confident it will grow with each year as we try to get more and more teams down at the pavilion."

A change for this year's event is a focus on shortening the games to make the afternoon run even smoother.

"The main obstacle is the same as other events: advertising the event and making sure people are aware of it," Mitchell said. "Those who attended last year are very excited about coming back and they all planned on telling their friends."

As the date of the Backyard Games at the Pavilion approaches, the Rotary Club is still seeking two additional $100 sponsors.

Images from last year's Backyard Games event are seen. This year's event is scheduled for May 18 and will include cornhole, disc golf and ladder ball. (File photos)

"These sponsorships not only allow for us to share with the community who is supporting our causes, but it also provides some security about the success of the event," Mitchell said. "If it downpours rain on the 18th, we will likely not receive much revenue.

"Having sponsors who are happy to support the cause helps soften the blow if the event is rained out and no matter what happens it will help the revenue we make on the event."

For more information about Backyard Games at the Pavilion or to inquire about sponsoring the event, contact the Otsego Rotary Club at rotaryotsego@gmail.com or visit its Facebook page.

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A daughter recalls Michigan's most tragic airliner crash

By Jeff Brasie

On Sunday, Aug. 16, 1987, earlier in the day, Northwest Flight 750 completed a flight from Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, with a stopover at Saginaw's MBS Airport. The aircraft then continued on to Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW).

That evening, the aircraft, now known as Flight 255, would continue on to Phoenix's Sky Harbor International airport, with a final leg to John Wayne Airport in California's Orange County.

The twin-engine McDonnell Douglas MD-80 aircraft was introduced to the aviation industry in October 1979. The MD-80 was a reconfiguration of the DC-9. The aircraft was designed for a short haul and could accommodate 130 to 172 passengers. This aircraft, Flight 255, entered Northwest's use in 1981.

On board Flight 255 were a crew of six and 149 passengers. Two of those passengers, Doug and Nel Thompson, were originally from northeastern Michigan. He was 63 and she was 57. Together, they had eight children.

He was employed by General Telephone and Electronics. His career spanned first as a northeastern Michigan and Upper Peninsula lineman and, later, into Alpena-based GTE regional management.

The Thompsons were enroute to Phoenix, where he owned Western Wiring, a utility installation and support company.

Susie Thompson

The Lift-off

The doors were secured and a pushback tug backed Flight 255 from the jetway at 8:34 p.m. The aircraft's manifest total weight was 144,046 pounds. The maximum allowed for lift-off was 146,058 pounds.

The ground control tower directed the 57-year-old captain, John Maus, and first officer, 35-year-old David Dodds, to taxi to runway 3C. Other runways were being assigned for departing flights.

Runway 3C was, at that time, DTW's shortest runway.

The captain and first officer proceeded to the runway and missed an entry turn. The flight deck again contacted the control tower for runway 3C directions, which were given. The captain and first officer were assigned a new control tower radio frequency and flight controller.

A slight rain drizzle was beginning.

At 8:44 p.m., Flight 255 began its roll to lift-off runway 3C. Its speed was projected to be 200 mph.

Slightly after 8:45 p.m., the tower picked up distraught cockpit voices, alarms, and subsequent multiple aircraft impact sounds.

Immediately, control tower records show, an announcement was given to all outbound and inbound flights: "Close the airport down. There has been a crash."

A Daughter Learns of 255's Crash

That evening, daughter Susie Thompson was working at the Allegan County Sheriff's Office as a dispatcher.

Her coworkers, a sheriff lieutenant and a sergeant, were listening to an aircraft crash breaking news account in a nearby room. The news was preliminary and fragmented. They informed Thompson of what they heard.

The officers reached out to their Wayne County police counterparts and were able to learn the flight number and its destination. They shared that information with Thompson.

She burst out, "My God, this is my parent's flight."

The Daughter and Her Sister Arrive at Metro Airport

With the assistance of coworkers, Thompson and her sister were quickly driven to DTW, where, for the better part of 10 days, they stayed at a nearby hotel. Daily, they received updates and attended news conferences. During the passenger and crew identification process, they were tasked to locate medical and dental records. At that time, DNA identification was not fully sophisticated.

NW 255 memorial at METRO

Thompson shared that a challenging moment was when she, her sister, and other passenger family members were escorted to a large Northwest flight hanger. Once there, they wandered through a maze of tables ladened with personal effects.

They were able to identify her father's wedding ring and stepmother's luggage.

Thompson saw at the end of the hanger a large opening separated by hanging plastic strips. She could see body bags were being brought into that area. She asked for the opportunity to identify her father's remains.

She was advised by an attendant, "You really don't want to do this."

She heeded the advice.

A Glimmer of Hope Occurred

When public safety and rescue personnel arrived at the Flight 255 crash site, a news account said, Andy Graves of the Huron Valley Ambulance Service came to rescue lives. He later stated, "There was nobody to save."

Romulus firefighter John Thiede arrived in his fire engine with his partner. They began to hose down the burning debris. Suddenly, they heard a faint voice. Rushing with a bright flashlight to the sound, they pushed aside mounds of wreckage and found 4-year-old Cecelia Cichan strapped upside down in her car seat attached to an airliner seat. Her parents and older brother perished.

Cichan was rushed to Ann Arbor's C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, where she received months of care for her burns and fractures.

She never spoke publicly about this crash until she appeared on the television production of "Sole Survivor" nearly 25 years later.

The Tributes

Thompson and her family have attended Northwest Flight 255 memorial anniversaries.

There are three memorials across the country reflecting this tragic crash.

A granite memorial listing the event and all the names is on a knoll surrounded by evergreens near the Middlebelt Road and I-94 interchange.

A second monument is located in Phoenix, Arizona, adjacent to the city hall. Finally, a marker is placed at General Motors Milford Proving Ground in memory of the 14 GM employees who perished.

Lawsuits followed and were settled primarily against Northwest Airlines and McDonnell Douglas corporation.

Northwest Airlines and its new owner, Delta Airlines, no longer utilize a Flight 255 identification.

Decades later, ambulance driver Graves, along with Mindi Odom, wrote a tribute to flight 255 entitled, "August Rain." The song can be found on YouTube.

In addition, Hank Winchester, of Detroit's WDIV-TV-4, offers a 12-minute news segment on Flight 255. This documentary can also be found on YouTube.

Jeffrey D. Brasie is a retired health care CEO. He frequently writes historic feature stories and op-eds for various Michigan newspapers and magazines. As a Vietnam-era veteran, he served in the U.S. Navy and U.S. Naval Reserve. He served on the public affairs staff of the Secretary of the Navy. He grew near the tip of the mitt and resides in suburban Detroit.

NW 255 tags building

Civil War veterans honored at cemetery

By Gari Voss

The northeast corner of the Oakwood Cemetery in Allegan, MI held a celebration on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at 11am for six Civil War veterans. Like so many Civil War soldiers, the soldiers returned from the war and began to meld back into their communities. If a soldier died destitute or at a county poor farm, the body was often taken to a local cemetery and placed in a potter's field.

The Friends of Allegan's Oakwood Cemetery and the General Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20 Sons of Union Veterans had identified 302 graves of Civil War veterans. Through their efforts over the last five years, that number has increased to 318.

"The goal of the Friends of Allegan Oakwood Cemetery and the Sons of Union Veterans is to identify these soldiers, honor them, and mark their graves with a headstone," said Len Sheaffer, a trustee of Friends of Allegan's Oakwood Cemetery and Commander of Camp 20. "It is really important to me as a member of the Friends, and as Commander of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We are indebted to remember these folks and let people know what they did for this country."

"These people need to be remembered," said Amanda Strickfaden, a trustee of Friends of Allegan's Oakwood Cemetery and the driving force in the restoration of grave markers around the cemetery. "They came before us, started the towns, started the state. So, they have a lot of stories that are important."

Those stories are diverse. These six soldiers fought valiantly in the Civil War and are finally receiving recognition and new grave markers. They hailed from different states and served in different companies. But over time, they ended up in the northeast corner Oakwood Cemetery which holds other graves of unknown, unclaimed or indigent people.

Six bright new headstones were installed in the northeast corner of Oakwood Cemetery in Allegan, MI on Sat., May 3, 2025. Each stone marks the grave of a Civil War soldier who previously had no marker. The celebration was hosted by The Friends of Allegan's Oakwood Cemetery and the General Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20 Sons of Union Veterans. Photo: G. Voss

The research conducted on these individuals required patience, and some of the stories are more complete than others. Their stories may never be fully known, but the dedicated researchers have been able to give some basic information on each.

Private Edward Boren was in Company D of the 74th Indiana Infantry. It is known that he was born in 1826 in Pennsylvania. Boren was drafted in Auburn, IN on September 20, 1864, and mustered out June 9, 1865. His occupation was listed as "farmer" in DeKalb, Illinois, but he ended up in the Kalamazoo Asylum in Kalamazoo, Michigan where he died on March 7, 1904.

Private Sanford Drown, Company G of the 146th New York Infantry, was born in Huron, New York in 1830. He enlisted at Auburn and began a 3-year term as a private on July 28, 1863. He mustered out on July 16, 1865, near Washington, DC. His occupation was described as farmer in both New York and Michigan where he died January 9, 1888, in Pine Plains (Valley Township),

Private William Kelley, Company D, 12th Indiana Cavalry, was born in Groveland, Livingston County, New York in 1820. While living in Elkhart, Indiana, he enlisted on December 16, 1863, and mustered in as a private that same day. In August 1865, Kelley mustered out and made a living as a gardener or farmer in Michigan where he died on December 20, 1903, in Allegan, Michigan.

Private Joseph Shaw, Co E of the 100th Indiana Infantry, was born in Pennsylvania in 1829. By August 12, 1862, he was in Indiana where he enlisted in Kendallville and mustered in as a Wagoner. After mustering out June 8, 1865, in Washington, DC. Shaw worked on farms as a day laborer, and ended up in Allegan, Michigan where he died November 14, 1903.

John A. Straub, Co A, 16th Regiment of the Michigan Infantry, seemed to be an adventurer. He was born in 1842 in Wisconsin to parents who had been born in France. He enlisted September 5, 1861, and mustered in the same date. Straub was found mustering out at Rappahannock Station, Virginia on December 21, 1863, where he re-enlisting the same day. July 8, 1865, Straub mustered out at Jeffersonville, Indiana. He spent a portion of his life in Chicago as a newspaper printer and circulator before becoming a farmer in Allegan where he died February 10, 1916.

Private Lewis L. Tracy, Co K of the 109th New York Infantry, was born in New York in 1819. He enlisted at Wirt for a three year stint and was mustered in on July 11, 1863. On November 19, 1864, Tracy had a disability discharge. He worked as a farm laborer in New York and later as a servant in Martin, Michigan. He died on March 9, 1904, at the Allegan County Infirmary.

This Gravestone Dedication was under the auspice of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and sponsored by the Friends of Allegan's Oakwood Cemetery and the General Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20 Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Commander Len Sheaffer of the General Bejamin Pritchard Camp 20 welcomed the crowd while the Hopkins FFA Honor Guard, under the guidance of Harry Kiraly, led the pledge. Amanda Strickfaden offered the Memoriam before the unveiling of the headstones. After recognition of guests and the poem "When the Boys in Blue are Gone", Floral Tributes were made and the grave side dedication ceremony was held that was accented by the tolling of the bell, a gun salute, and taps by David Wolfe. After a presentation was made by descendants of those who had passed, a dismissal was given, and those gathered wandered slowly away.

The organizations ask that all who enjoy freedom thank a veteran or a member of the United States military who has ensured our freedoms.

Those interested in learning more about the Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War can visit www.suvcwmi.org. To learn more about the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War can visit www.duvcw.org.

Anyone interested in assisting with the upkeep of Oakwood Cemetery in Allegan can go to https://www.friendsofallegansoakwoodcemetery.org/ or Friends of the Allegan Oakwood Cemetery on Facebook.

Photo by Sandy Savage

Poll: residents support new parks millage

By John Raffel
Correspondent

ALLEGAN — Allegan County residents would support a new parks millage of a quarter mill according to the results of a poll conducted for the county by Polco," ex-commissioner James Storey said. "In the county's third installment of the poll, 3,000 randomly selected residents, weighted to reflect regional, cultural, and economic factors, 280 responders weighed in the county's economic, health, and social climate situation.

"The National Community Survey posed the same questions in several areas among hundreds of local governmental units and uses the results to benchmark results. Community livability quality questions, saw residents rated safety, natural resources, and quality of parks as exceeding other communities surveyed."

Storey added:

"The survey sought to balance quality findings with the importance respondents placed in 10 distinct areas. For example, while the county's economic situation rated a 44% confidence level, the importance was rated a 82%. Only 37% of the county's respondents rated the county's job opportunities as good or excellent.

"In the area of safety, upwards of 80 percent rated their neighborhood community as safe; similar high scores were recorded for public safety services."

Craft beer fest at fairgrounds this Saturday

Join the Allegan Jaycees for the Fourth Annual ALEgan Craft Beer Fest at the Allegan County Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 10, 2025.

In partnership with Tantrick Brewing Co., this year's festival features 16 West Michigan breweries, each bringing their finest selections, along with food trucks—The Mobile Crave and Patty Matters—and live music from the high-energy rockabilly group, Kitten & The Tonics.

"The Allegan Jaycees are excited to continue our partnership with our friends from Tantrick Brewing Company and build on a successful event," said Ben Jalbert, festival co-chair.

"Organizers have crafted this event in a way that's exciting for beer lovers but also welcoming to those who've never attended a beer fest before."

Tickets are available now at alegancraftbeerfest2025.rsvpify.com and include ten 4oz beer samples. All attendees must be 21 or older—no exceptions.

Participating breweries include:

Tantrick Brewing Co. and Heronmark of Allegan, 707 Winery and Brewery (Caledonia), Bier Distillery (Comstock Park), Final Gravity Brewing Co. (Decatur), Doster Brewing Company (Doster), Oakestown Brewery (Grandville), Archival Brewing (Grand Rapids), Apoptosis Brewing Co., Brewery Outré, and One Well Brewing (Kalamazoo), Rusty Rocket Brewing (Pullman), Harbor Light Brewery (South Haven), Useless Creatures Brewing Company (Three Rivers), and The Distant Whistle Brewhouse (Vicksburg).

The ALEgan Craft Beer Fest takes place indoors at the Allegan County Fairgrounds from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Saturday, May 10.

Community Events

EVENTS TO WATCH FOR!

>Remember to register for the Ladders of Hope Bash, 616 914-4937:
Fenn Valley Winery 6130 122nd Ave. Fennville
>Thurs., May 8, 2025, 6pm: Cheers for Children
Beeches Golf Course 09601 68th St. South Haven
Help provide services for children of abuse and neglect.
>Fri., May 9, 2025, 7pm: Rock of Ages, Teen Edition
Sat., May 10th, 3pm & 7pm
Wayland Union Fine Arts Center 870 E Superior St. Wayland
>Sat., May 10, 2025, 9-11:30am: Bird Walk
Armintrout-Milbocker Preserve Thomas St. Allegan
>Sat., May 10, 2025, 2-8pm: ALEgan Craft Beer Fest
Allegan Fairgrounds 150 Fair Dr. Allegan
>Mon., May 12 & Tues., May 13, 2025, 6:30-9:30pm: Theater in the Park Auditions
Griswold Auditorium 401 Hubbard St. Allegan

CURRENT EVENTS

Wed., May 7, 2025, 3-7pm: Wayland Farmers Market
Wayland City Park 103 S. Main St. Wayland
Shop for fresh produce, baked goods, jams & honey, Artisan wares and more.

Wed., May 7, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. 269 673-4625
6pm: Wiggle Worms Play n' Learn. Ages 0-3 can enjoy an evening of stories, activities and songs.
6pm: Pintesting. Make a trending craft. Register at 269 673-4625.

Wed., May 7, 2025, 6-8pm: Tree of Heaven Workshop
Modales Winery 2128 62nd St. Fennville
Sponsored by the Allegan Conservation District. For additional information, contact Allegan.Admin@macd.org.

Thurs., May 8, 2025, 8am-2pm: Allegan Farmers Market
Water Street Parking Lot
Vendors will offer numerous fresh fruit & vegetables, baked food, knife sharpening, plants, honey, tamales, and The Mobile Crave food truck.

Thurs., May 8, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. 269 673-4625
10:30am: Preschool Storytime. Help Me Grow will lead 3-5 yr. olds in stories, activities and songs.
3:30pm: Teen Craftnoons: DIY Tie Dye. Grades 5-12 can drop in after school to create Tie-Dye bandanas and tote bags.

Thurs., May 8, 2025, 6pm: Cheers for Children
Beeches Golf Course 09601 68th St. South Haven
Join the Safe Harbor team for drinks, appetizers and live music by Mike Hatfield. Proceeds from the evening will go to Safe Harbor Van Buren County as they work with children and youth whose lives have turned upside down because of abuse or neglect. Register at development@safeharborcac.org.

Fri., May 9, 2025, 7pm: Rock of Ages, Teen Edition
Sat., May 10th, 3pm & 7pm
Wayland Union Fine Arts Center 870 E Superior St. Wayland
The Wayland Union Theatriks will present Chris D'Arienzo's Rock of Ages. Seats can be reserved online https://wufactickets.ludus.com/index.php or purchased at the door #12 at the Wayland Union Fine Arts Center.

Sat., May 10, 2025, 9-11:30am: Bird Walk
Armintrout-Milbocker Preserve Thomas St. Allegan
Sponsored by the Allegan Conservation District. For additional information, contact Allegan.Admin@macd.org.

Sat., May 10, 2025, 9am-1:30pm: Wayland Farmers Market
Wayland City Park 103 S. Main St. Wayland
Shop for fresh produce, baked goods, jams & honey, Artisan wares and more.

Sat., May 10, 2025, 10am: Pokemon Go Day
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. 269 673-4625
All ages can start at the library and travel around town catching Pokemon.

Sat., May 10, 2025, 2-8pm: ALEgan Craft Beer Fest
Allegan Fairgrounds 150 Fair Dr. Allegan
Enjoy local ales, great food and wonderful music. $35 pre-sale, $40 at the door. https://alegancraftbeerfest2025.rsvpify.com/?securityToken=1yLIVO3rauY3TwbcjaXP-b2IIf8oRR69R

Mon., May 12, 2025, 4-8pm: Stitch Night at the Den
The Bear & Fox Yarn Den Brady St. Allegan
Drop in anytime for a casual evening of fun stitching. Bring your own project.

Mon., May 12 & Tues., May 13, 2025, 6:30-9:30pm: Theater in the Park Auditions
Griswold Auditorium 401 Hubbard St. Allegan
The Allegan Community Players are thrilled to announce auditions for our upcoming summer outdoor production: Theater in the Park! That will perform on June 21 & 22, 2025. Go to allegancommunityplayers.org/auditions for character breakdowns, audition sides, and audition tips. We're looking for talented and passionate actors—especially seasoned performers—to help bring this community event to life!

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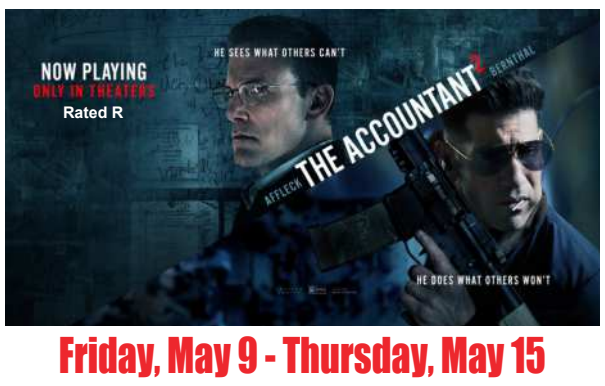


Friday, May 9 - Thursday, May 15
7pm Feature • $5 – Sat. & Sun. 2pm Matinee • $4
WEEKLY SPECIALS
Mondays - 2-for-1 Admission • Tuesdays- 25 cent Popcorn
FLASHBACK FRIDAY! Sponsored by Tardy's Underground Comics & Collectibles
Clerks (1994) • May 30 @ 9:30pm • $5

Tues., May 13, 2025, 9am: Coffee for Vets
Lutheran Church, 631 Grand Street, Allegan
ALL veterans who have served or are currently serving in our military forces can gather for fellowship with other vets, share conversation, and enjoy coffee and donuts/rolls. Please come and see what this is all about and share this with others you feel might like to come. Questions: please call (269)673-3335.

Wed., May 14, 2025, 3-7pm: Wayland Farmers Market
Wayland City Park 103 S. Main St. Wayland
Shop for fresh produce, baked goods, jams & honey, Artisan wares and more.

Thurs., May 15, 2025, 8am-2pm: Allegan Farmers Market
Water Street Parking Lot
Vendors will offer numerous fresh fruit & vegetables, baked food, knife sharpening, plants, honey, tamales, and The Mobile Crave food truck.

Thurs., May 15, 2025, 4-6pm: Third Thirsty Thursday
The Grill House 1071 32nd St. Allegan
The Allegan Area Chamber and the Allegan Jaycees collaborate for fun networking.

Fri., May 16, 6-8:30pm: Spring Wine Tasting
The Silo 1071 32nd Street (M-40 South) Allegan
Sample wine & beer while tasting hors d' oeuvres from an incredible buffet. Tickets $60.

Fri., May 16, 2025, 6pm: Ladders of Hope Bash Dinner Benefit
Fenn Valley Winery 6130 122nd Ave. Fennville
Help Ladders of Hope Food Pantry stock the shelves. Purchase a seat for $40, bring non-perishable food or personal needs items and receive a drawing ticket. Enjoy music y the Silvertones. Join in the live & silent auctions & raffles. Contact Joyce Evans 616 914-4937. Or donate at https://laddersofhopemi.org/

Sat., May 17, 2025, 9am-1:30pm: Wayland Farmers Market
Wayland City Park 103 S. Main St. Wayland
Shop for fresh produce, baked goods, jams & honey, Artisan wares and more.

Sat., May 17, 2025, 9am: 51st Annual Benefit Ride
Silver Creek Equestrian Park 3900 134th Ave. Hamilton
Join the Allegan County Pleasure Riders in a fund raiser for Wings of Hope Hospice and Wings Home. Register on Fri. evening from 7-8 at the Pavilion or Sat. 8:30-11:30am. Be sure to bring money from donors supporting the ride. Call Pam at 616 490-1627 for info or to register. Prize winners must be present at 4pm. Go to the Allegan County Pleasure Riders webpage or Facebook to learn about how to win prizes.

Sat., May 17, 2025, 9am: Camp Kidwell Scramble
Cheshire Hills Golf Course 3829 102nd Ave. Allegan
Grab a 4-some and enjoy a day on the links while gathering funds that will provide a camp experience for less advantaged youth in a beautiful camp environment. As the day unfolds, there will be an online auction, plus golfers can win prizes along the course. For additional information or to register, go to www.campkidwell.org or call camp at 269 521-3559 or Cheshire Hills at 269 673-2882.

Sun., May 18, 2025, 6:30pm: Glenn School Playground Fundraiser
Fenn Valley Vineyards 6130 122nd Ave. Fennville
Helo Glenn School reach their goal to create a playground for their students. Make reservations at Glenn School, 1392 Adams Rd., Glenn. Or https://www.facebook.com/p/Glenn-Public-School.

Wed., May 21, 2025, 3-7pm: Wayland Farmers Market
Wayland City Park 103 S. Main St. Wayland
Shop for fresh produce, baked goods, jams & honey, Artisan wares and more.

Wed., May 21, 2025: Bike Nights
Wayland Downtown Wayland
downtownwayland.com

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

ASSISTANCE

Adventist Community Service Center
218 S. Farmer St. Otsego Tues. 10am-4pm; Thurs. 1-5pm
Clothes for the family and household goods are available, layettes for newborns, clothing, diapers, toys, etc. for babies to 6 mo. For emergency needs, call 269 694-4775 or Marlene 269 217-8293. This is supported by the 7th-Day Adventist Church and an ACCF TAG Grant.

Allegan County Community Action - Assistance for daily living
23 Water Street, Allegan, MI 49010, www.communityactionallegan.org, (269) 673-5472
Food, weatherization, early childhood education.

Allegan Homeless Solutions - Helping eliminate barriers to housing.
108 Grant St., Plainwell MI 49080
www.alleganhomelesssolutions.org, Email: info@alleganhomelesssolutions.org

The Arc of Allegan County - Advocates for people with disabilities
219 Hubbard Street, Allegan 269 673-8841
Mission to advocate for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the community.

Baby Closet – Newborn Clothing and Supplies
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 101 N. Walnut Street Allegan
Call 269 673-2254 and leave a message.

Christian Neighbors - Food, Education, Emergency Financial Assistance
282 12th Street Plainwell MI 49080 (269) 685-4166
Monday: Drive-thru only - 10am-12pm and 4pm-6pm.
Tuesday: In person shopping/walk ins - 10am-12pm
Thursday: In person shopping/walk ins - 2pm-5pm
We have been providing services to the Plainwell, Otsego and Martin areas since 1983.

Community Clothes Closet – Free Clothing and More
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 101 N. Walnut Street, Allegan (269) 673-2254
Open Thursdays & Fridays, 10am – 1pm A wide selection of clothing for all ages is available.

People Helping People of Pullman
Assistance by appt. 269 236-6295

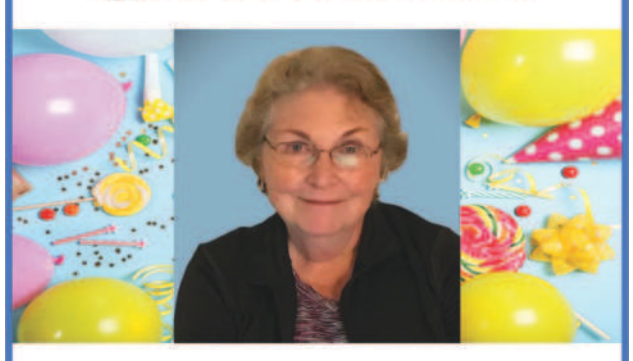
Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy Center - Abuse Prevention and Healing
404 Sherman St., Allegan, MI 49010 www.safeharborcac.org, (269) 673-3791

St. Vincent de Paul-St. Margaret Conference - Food and More
St. Vincent de Paul 124A W. Allegan St. Otsego
Mon.: 1-3pm Tues. & Thurs: 10am to noon Wed.: 3-5pm
Food pantry and limited financial aid. Dtvincentdepaul9005@gmail.com
Serves Otsego, Plainwell and Martin School Districts

Sylvia's Place - Safe from Domestic Violence
Crisis Line: 269 673-8700

United Church of Wayland - Free Clothing
1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, 4 - 6pm
411 E Superior St. in Wayland

Lynn Gardiner is 80!



Please join us in celebration!
OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, May 18th - 12:00 - 3:00pm
Hartman Conference Center
690 N. Eastern Ave. Allegan, MI
Light lunch served. No gifts please.

Progressive Yard Sales to Benefit Ladders of Hope and Fennville UMC

The public is invited to support two important non-profits that serve the community of Fennville. For two consecutive weekends in May you can "shop til you drop" at 5849 W. M-89. The Fennville United Methodist Church, will be hosting both sales. During weekend 1 the church will offer many used treasures May 8: 4pm-7pm; May 9: 8 am-4pm; May 10: 9am-Noon. 75 % of the proceeds collected will benefit the kitchen remodeling project scheduled to begin in June. After 50 years it is time to upgrade our kitchen so we can better serve our church and our community. Our doors are always open for weddings, funerals, family gatherings, community dinners, and Senior Citizen lunches.

Come back the following weekend and support Fennville's food pantry, Ladders of Hope. Mike Wohlwend, executive director explained, "Our pantry is a non-profit organization dedicated to fighting food insecurities in Allegan County. In 2024 we were able to assist 7,044 individuals in 2,249 households. This sale provides funds to help make this happen." You can support Ladders of Hope May 15:4pm-7 p.m.; May 16: 8am-4pm; May 17: 9am-Noon. We promise new merchandise available for sale. In addition, shoppers at the Ladders of Hope sale can enjoy supper on Thursday or lunch on Friday as they shop. Sloppy jos, chips and drinks will be available for purchase during shopping hours

Both organizations look forward to support from our communities.

Safe Harbor
Children's Advocacy Center

SECOND ANNUAL CHEERS FOR CHILDREN - WINE SOCIAL HOSTED BY SAFE HARBOR CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER TO HELP VAN BUREN CHILDREN VICTIMS OF ABUSE

WHAT: Fundraiser for Van Buren County's children victims of abuse through a casual, 21+ wine social. Tickets are $35. Live music and appetizers. To register, please visit: www.safeharborcac.org/events/cheersforchildren.

WHEN: Thursday, May 8, 6 to 9 p.m.

WHERE: Beeches Golf Course, South Haven, MI (Address 09601 68th St.)

WHO: All funds from this event stay in Van Buren County to support the children victims and prevention efforts in our county.

COST: $35/ticket earns you three drink tickets, heavy appetizers, live music of Mike Hatfield and being surrounded by like-minded people for an evening! To register, please visit: www.safeharborcac.org/events/cheersforchildren.

Cheers for Children - Wine Social is proudly sponsored by Whiteford Wealth Management, Inc., and Coldwell Banker Sneller Real Estate.

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About Safe Harbor:
Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy Center is a nationally accredited, nonprofit organization that provides children with hope and healing through an array of services at no cost to the victims or their families. From a child's initial disclosure to their last day of counseling, Safe Harbor guides children through their journey of healing.

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Hopkins Tech Vikes shine at World Championship

By Gari Voss

After performing well at the Michigan FIRST Robotics Championships, the Hopkins Tech Vikes headed to Houston, Texas for the World Championships, April 16-19, 2025. This is a culminating, international event for youth, and brings to a close the 2025 robotics competition season. It is the epitome of melding science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), and truly prepares youth for the future.

When Tech Vikes (FRC 2054) began the competition, it was their robot against the clock. By the end of the qualification round, they stood 50th out of 75 teams from across the United States and beyond. What makes these competitions special is that the qualifying round is only the beginning. Alliances are then formed – teams from different states / countries form an alliance and complete against other alliances.

The Tech Vikes were selected by Alliance 3 and went on to the playoffs.

"After a hard fought battle, our team with their alliance fell to the winners of our field," shared Angie Flickinger, the Tech Vikes Mentor and school Paraprofessional. "We left the World Championship with the 2nd place silver medal and title of Johnson Field Division Finalist."

As one family member exclaimed, "This was little Hopkins going up against teams from larger schools that are supported by huge companies! It's like David against Goliath. These young people are phenomenal!"

Calling all thespians for Theater in the Park auditions

By Gari Voss

Mahan Park will have a facelift and a new gazebo when the Allegan Community Players present their 2nd Annual Theater in the Park in June. ACP will hold auditions for the two plays on Monday, May 12 and Tuesday, May 13, 2025, from 6:30 – 9pm at the Griswold Auditorium, 401 Hubbard St., Allegan.

"This is a fantastic opportunity to perform in a beautiful, outdoor setting and be part of a new, local tradition," stated ACP President Don Grant. "The show dates will be Saturday, June 21 and Sunday, June 22, 2025, at 7pm."

This summer, the Players will be performing two comedies written by Spike Kunetz, Soccer Mom Mom, and They Came for Human Beans. The characters involved in the two plays include: a middle age, ambitious and scheming female; a smooth talking, jaded, middle age male morning DJ; a demanding but conservative, middle age businessman; a sensitive but excitable twenty-something male or female; a middle age, in charge male or female military commander; a sweet 60-70 grandmother who is not to be messed with; a 60-70 grandfather who is romantic and nerdish; a 60-70 grandfather who is loud mouthed and bullyish; and a 20-40ish female referee who is in charge and bossy.

For additional information on characters and to access audition sides, go to https://www.allegancommunityplayers.org/character-descriptions. Questions? Call (269) 673-3456 or email allegancommunityplayers@gmail.com.

Wayland's Theater ready to open Rock of Ages: Teen Edition

Get your tickets or just show up at the door of the Wayland Union Fine Arts Center on Friday, May 9 at 7pm, or Saturday, May 10, 2025, at 3pm or 7pm, and take a step back to the 1980s with the Wayland Union High School theater group.

The musical Rock of Ages: Teen Edition, by Chris D'Arienzo with arrangements and orchestrations by Ethan Popp, takes place in Hollywood towards the end of the 1980s at one of the Sunset Strip's last legendary venues. An aspiring rock star longs to take the stage, but his dreams are about to be crushed when German developers sweep into town with plans to turn the beloved venue into another capitalist strip mall.

Rock of Ages: Teen Edition follows a group of friends trying to save the strip before it's too late. Featuring music from hit bands such as Styx, Journey, Bon Jovi, and Whitesnake, the audience is guaranteed to enjoy a rockin' good time.

Tickets are $12 for general admission and can be purchased at the door or online for reserved seating at wufactickets.ludus.com. The musical is a collaborative effort led by the entire high school Fine Arts Department.

Absent-minded journalist strikes again

MIKE'S MUSINGS

MIKE WILCOX
■ PUBLISHER ■

Some people call me absent-minded, others call me addle-headed. Me, I just blame it on being left-handed.

Last week, I left my briefcase in a rental car. Its contents were my valuable laptop, scads of paperwork and files and some cash.

Let me explain. I didn't like the first rental car I picked out- too many miles. But in the process of checking out the car, I threw my briefcase in the backseat. When I went to a second car, which I did like, I forgot my briefcase, that is until I was about 25 miles away from the rental car place. When I realized it wasn't with me, I did a u-turn praying that no one had rented the car I first looked at.

As luck would have it my briefcase was right where I had left it. Whew, I had dodged a catastrophe.

Like father like son so the saying goes, when we returned the rental car a week later, I received a call as I was boarding my plane. Umm, sir we have a wallet that belongs to a Jordan Wilcox, that was left in your rental car. You can't be serious I thought, but they were, and my son had to high-tail it back to the rental agency and retrieve his wallet, complete with all credit cards and cash. Again, how lucky can we be?

My forgetfulness is not a recent phenomenon. A few years back I lost my credit card in the parking lot of the same rental agency. A few years before that I left my credit card on a plane while traveling to Florida. The wonderful flight attendants at the airline were kind enough to mail it to me.

A few years before that, I somehow managed to drop a set of keys, including my car keys down a manhole in downtown Hamtramck. At the time I owned the newspaper in that town and hurriedly left my office to reach my car which was parked in a lot across the street.

Unfortunately, my keys fell out of my jacket pocket as I crossed a manhole cover. Down they went. I pulled off the heavy cover and peered down the hole. I couldn't see much of anything, but I feared there was probably a few inches of settled water and maybe a rat or two.

I retrieved a flashlight from the office and peered again. No live animals but there was an inch or two of water. Now the question became, how do I retrieve the keys?

My son came up with a novel idea. Why not use a magnet? It sounded like it might work, so we went to the hardware store and bought the biggest magnet we could find. It was almost 4 inches in diameter. We hooked it to a piece of string and lowered it into the manhole. And by golly after a few attempts we had the keys.

Apparently I didn't learn my lesson, because I continue to leave important items behind. Maybe I have too many things on my mind, or I'm too in a hurry to get where I need to be, or I'm just addle-headed.

Life as Performance Art

G CORWIN STOPPEL

Growing up, each year our family went to the "Great Minnesota Get Together," better known as the State Fair. We toured the buildings, looked at the agriculture displays and livestock, and usually ate lunch at the Hamline United Methodist Church food booth. The Olds picked that place because we were Methodists and they felt obligated to be supportive. Besides, as Father would whisper, "They do a good job washing their hands." That was his way of saying there was a reasonable and holy hope we would not die of "toenail," (ptomaine) poisoning, or get sick from eating a "sam and ella" bowl of tuna hot dish. Only after we had eaten would we make our annual route march through the Midway on our way back to the parking lot. We never did any of the rides except for the "Old Mill" which was decidedly lame.

Besides, the real amusement at the fair were the politicians. They all attended and spoke in eloquent terms about how wonderful the fair was, how friendly everyone seemed to be, and so on. Superlatives only, please! The Republicans had one day; the Democrats another, but their shtick was always the same. They would wander around in front of their booth, mixing with the crowd, and doing a lot of "glad handing" to encourage people to vote for them. They always seemed to have a smile plastered on to their feet. Once they had a crowd gathered, they would stand up on the stage to give a short speech.

The whole idea was to say, "I'm just a regular guy, just like you. You drive a Chevy? Yeah? Well, so do I. We've got to support American auto makers. Even if you drove a Chevy and I drove a Ford, we support American workers, right?" "Say, you use an Allis Chalmers combine? My neighbor down the road has one and he says it's a great machine. You think when I need to get a new one I should buy an Allis Chalmers, or do you think a John Deere would be better?" Nothing like securing a vote by having a constituent help them out on a tough question!

The funniest part was that most of these politicians and candidates who had white-collar jobs and whose work clothes consisted of a three-piece suit, would turn up at the fair in blue jeans and a plaid work shirt, with the sleeves rolled up. I am sure the visual message was "I am just like you - a hard working American." Somehow, they lost the plot with high gloss polish on their shoes, creases in their jeans, and a stiff new shirt that hadn't been washed a few times to fade out the intense color.

It is all showmanship and performance art, and often, it did not work all that well.

Once the winners get elected and sworn in, they have to go to work. I wonder if they ever think about that part of life. Nor do I ever cease to be astounded at what some of our elected officials can come up with to look busy and convince us they are earning their keep. Part of it, I believe, is our fault because we hire them. They justify their salary and expense account by writing, co-authoring, and otherwise creating new legislation. It is too much like university professors who live under the harsh dictum of 'publish or perish.' Sometimes, the subject is not very important; sometimes it is not well-written or thoroughly reviewed by their peers; more often than not their paper or report ends up in some very obscure publication. For some of them, it does not matter: Getting their paper or book published is all that counts. Legislators of all branches do much the same thing.

The big difference is that when a prof writes a paper, we can more or less ignore it if it is not appealing. When our elected officials write something it becomes a law, and it almost always costs us something, whether it is our cash or our freedoms.

Many of them seem to believe that this sort of work gives them a bit more 'credibility' when the next election rolls around. They can say that they were busy fighting for us when they introduced a number of bills, usually to reform something whether or not it needs reforming. The claim of trying to reform hot topic issues, such as taxes, gun control, elections, or education because it gets good publicity. Never mind that their pet project never gets assigned to a subcommittee so it can work its way up the chain. Never mind that if it does get into a committee it dies a slow death from lack of interest. The rallying cry is, "I am fighting for you, and I introduced…." It is all for the bragging rights and political theater.

Frankly, I wish they would just stop it. Instead of focusing on the big stuff, let's go straight for the small potatoes. Let's distract them from anything that might lead them into thinking they are better than the rest of us.

When Pope Francis died some 150 plus national leaders were in Rome for the funeral. Why wasn't there a careful analysis on the ratio of suit coats with one or two vent flaps, or none at all? I think we deserve an answer. Someone should stick a microphone in their faces and take this up with them. Then, perhaps someone can analyze and predict what this will say about the future of the stock market or international relations. It's about as good an explanation as anything else. It is only fair; for decades financial analysts have looked at the rise and fall of hemlines on skirts and dresses to conjure up a prediction for the Dow.

We need an investigation into their shoelaces. Do they wear loafers or dress shoes with 5 or 6 holes for the laces. And to look sharp, do they use a steam iron to press their laces. Now, this is serious stuff. Back in 1952 when Adlai Stevenson was running against Eisenhower, he was seen with one leg over the knee of the other, and a hole in the sole of his shoe on full display. It was a hot topic of discussion, proving' one way or the other about his qualities for the Oval Office.

Or, the gas problem. No, I do not mean gasoline or natural gas for heating. I am referring to the very personal gaseous gastro-intestinal system. We never hear any reports on this (and yes, that pun is intended). What are their secrets? Do they scrupulously avoid beans and beer for a certain number of days before they stand in front of an audience Do they have to go to school to learn the best practices of confronting this issue?

Let's face it: If a candidate wants to convince us that he is just like us, then what is his or her advice on the topic?

Maybe someday, someone far less inhibited than me, will ask those challenging questions. That will be the day when we start seeing the curtain come down on all of the political theater, and we will all be the better for it.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Having faith in Trump? No way

Editor,

In the last edition of the Allegan County News, the Faces in the Crowd column asked random respondents what they thought about the Trump tariffs.

The first respondent replied that: "We have to have faith in our president that he knows what he is doing. God put him in office and God doesn't make mistakes".

I'm assuming that he is a Trump voter only because when I have heard this before it has always come from a Trump voter.

If that is the case one has to ask how, exactly, was it God that put Trump in office and how did that occur?

When the voter entered the voting booth did God pull the strings that guided his hand to the Trump lever?

And if that is true what happened to God's giving us the right to self-determination - our ability to make and correct our own mistakes? Did God suspend this in the last election?

If it was indeed God and not some nefarious other force, I'm curious as to why the respondent didn't think that perhaps "He" did this to help America and not to punish us for our sins as the Bible is replete with stories where "He" did just that.

Punish us for the harm we've done to His creation. Punish us for the harm we've done to those weaker and poorer than ourselves.

To me, the chaos, incompetence and damage done by this shambolic, corrupt meanspirited midget of a man suggests a force the polar opposite of God.

But if it was God, could this be a test?

And, if so, you already know what needs to be done.

David Ohmart

Do the Local Thing

Shopping in town helps local shops, cafes and restaurants, and the business owners who make them unique! When you shop local the whole community benefits.

Shop Local

Making the Best of What's Left

The Bookworm Sez

"Making the Best of What's Left: When We're Too Old to Get the Chairs Reupholstered"

by Judith Viorst

c.2025, Simon & Schuster
$28.99 • 192 pages

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The end is in sight.

Not that you're eager to reach it, of course, but it's there. Never mind; you've got plans, a long bucket list, places to be. Still, keep your eyes on that finish line. As in the new book, "Making the Best of What's Left" by Judith Viorst, you'd hate if it sneaks up on you.

Just over two years ago, in late 2022, Judith Viorst's husband of more than six decades, Milton, died in his sleep after a short illness. He wasn't "allowed" to do it, she says, but he did anyway and she became a widow, thereby joining a club nobody wants to belong to.

Also, nobody explains how to be a widow, so Viorst does. Among other things.

Not long before Milton died, for instance, they moved away from a house that Viorst loved, into an "RC," a retirement community. Emphasis on the word "community" because Viorst says she isn't lonely. With so many things available to do and so many people around to do them with, she doesn't see how anyone can be lonely, really. She knows lots of people who use their "Final Fifth" of life to serve, give, act, and enjoy. Not that anyone has to be active, because the Final Fifth of life should be what you want it to be.

"Old," says Viorst, "isn't just a state of mind… It's also a nonnegotiable reality."

That's something everyone needs to learn. Older people often lose their choice. They're ignored or they "become invisible…" but "WE'RE STILL HERE," she says, at age ninety-four. She might not understand her cell phone, but she can write. She might have to watch her friends leave this Earth, but she can still remember them with gratitude. She can still remind readers of the need to think before we act, at any age. Viorst can still love, although she's really not interested in that kind of love.

She doesn't "want some Perfect Pete or Terrific Ted. I just want my imperfect Milton to stop being dead."

If you're very lucky, you're going to get old someday. Also if you're smart, you'll use "Making the Best of What's Left" as a sort of guidebook.

In a you-have-to-laugh-or-you'll-cry kind of way, author Judith Viorst gives readers a peek at what it's like to live with your beloved for not nearly enough time, and how to survive their afterward. Readers who have lost their spouses will feel as though they've met a kindred spirit here, and that can be comforting but this book isn't all sad. Viorst tells her stories of Milton and their family, friends, fans, and acquaintances with humor and mensch-like advice but also with the kind of love that will make you understand that bad things happen and life goes on, though it sometimes stinks.

You may have loved Viorst's book as a child, but this memoir will mean more to someone who's well past grade school. If that's you, then put "Making the Best of What's Left" in your sights.

The Bookworm is Terri Schlichenmeyer.

Terri has been reading since she was 3 years old and she never goes anywhere without a book. She lives on a hill in Wisconsin with two dogs and 13,000 books.

All the books the Bookworm reviews here are available at the sponsor of this column:

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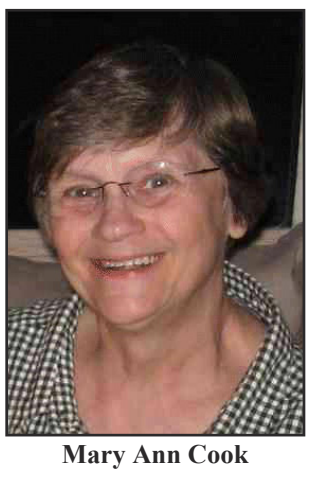
Obituaries

Mary Ann Cook, 80

Mary Ann Cook, 80, passed away peacefully on November 16, 2024 at The Laurels in Wayland, Michigan. She was a fiercely loving wife, mother and sister and is survived by her husband of 60 years, Tom; daughter, Jennifer (Josh); brother Biff (DeVona); sister Teresa, who passed March 19, 2025 (Michael); and many beloved cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Mary Ann earned her degree in Education and her Masters in Library Science from Western Michigan University. She taught in the Hopkins School System for 38 years. She was a dedicated educator who touched the lives of countless students.



Mary Ann Cook

Cremation was performed at Gordon's Funeral Residence in Allegan, Michigan. The family will hold a private service at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Greater Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association at http://act.alz.org/goto/MaryAnn_Cook

Mary Ann loved reading, spending time in her flower garden, and meeting animals of all types, especially horses and dogs. Mary Ann will be remembered for her passion for teaching and her love for her family.

Margaret Pauline Myers, 102

Margaret Pauline Myers, of Allegan, MI, passed away in the early hours of April 30, 2025 just weeks after her 102nd birthday. Born April 9, 1923 in Gobles, she was the daughter of the late Vernon and Blanche (Haven) Healy. Margaret was a 1941 graduate of Gobles High School. In her earlier years, she was employed for 12 years at Friedlen's and later for Punches Market. She had many talents, including crocheting and knitting, and enjoyed baking treats for her neighbors who affectionately referred to her as "the cookie lady". Margaret always looked forward to planting a large garden every summer and then canning her bounty to enjoy throughout the year. She loved to travel with Bud and especially enjoyed participating in mystery trips with Brenner's Tours. Early on she and Paul took many trips to Colorado, which was also a favorite. Margaret was an active member of Hopkins United Methodist Church.

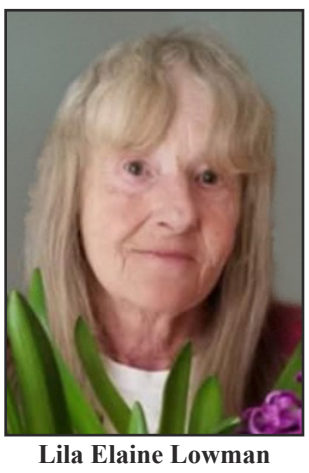
Margaret Pauline Myers

Margaret is survived by her daughter, Eileen (Lynn) Newell; stepson, Mark (Lisa) Myers; brother, Earl Healy; seven grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Vernon and Blanche; her first husband, Paul Weaver in 1985; her second husband, Carlos "Bud" Myers in 2002; her daughter, Lorraine (Jerry) Reynolds; and her siblings, Leslie Healy, Dorothea Healy and Marshall Healy.

The family will receive friends at Gorden Funeral Residence, Hopkins Chapel, on Friday, May 2, 2025 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 11:00 AM. Margaret will be laid to rest immediately following at Poplar Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Hopkins United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 356, Hopkins, MI 49328.

Lila Elaine (Grimm) Lowman, 72

Lila Elaine (Grimm) Lowman, 72, passed away peacefully at her home on Tuesday, April 29, 2025. She was born to Fred and Isabelle (Sutton) Grimm on May 8, 1952. She met the love of her life Richard Lowman on her birthday in 1975, and they were married one year later. She loved spending time with family and calling to check on them to make sure they were doing okay. She had a kind heart but never wanted her size to fool you. She had a great love for all animals and especially enjoyed sitting on her front porch watching all the deer and turkeys and yes, she named them all. She waited anxiously for football season so she could watch the Lions with her son Richard. Lila loved spending time with her grandchildren, nieces and nephews dearly.



Lila Elaine Lowman

She is survived by her husband Richard Lowman; children James Jr. (Judy) Hopkins, Richard Jr. Lowman, and Suzanne (Kevin) Lowman; brother Virgil Grimm; sister-in-law, Shirley Knapp; grandchildren Hayli (Matt) Dangremond, Nicholas Hopkins, Luke Hopkins, and Kira Kinzler; great-grandchildren Charlotte Dangremond, and Evelyn Dangremond.

She is preceded by her parents Frederick and Isabelle (Sutton) Grimm; and siblings Fred Grimm, Albert Grimm, and Christine White.

Lila will have a graveside only service this Friday, May 2, 2025, at 11:00am in Poplar Hill Cemetery 2650-2672 30th Street, Allegan, MI 49010.

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Tiger Tales winners announced

By Gari Voss

The call went out to students at Allegan High School to submit their best compositions in Web Banner Art, Poetry and Personal Narrative to be considered for the Tiger Tales Awards 2025. 82 students submitted original artwork, poems, and personal narratives then the judging began. On Wednesday, April 30, 2025, the English Department held their annual Tiger Tales Awards Reception in the school's media center. All 82 students were invited.

The submissions were read by judges across the United States.

"The winner's art will be used as banner art on the website www.ahstiger-tales.org and on promotional fliers for the next school year," explained teacher Kim Sparks, "The winning poem and personal narrative were read to the attendees at the reception and will be featured on the website as well."

Sparks gave thanks for the many hours of work given by English teacher Jennifer Conrad. The website includes archives of the winners currently dating back to the 2020-2021 school year with the hope of eventually scanning and uploading PDFs of all past years' winners.

Congratulations to the 2025 Tiger Tales winners:

Web Banner Art: Honorable mention: Samantha TerAves (grade 12). Winner: Maliah Wylie (grade 12)

Poetry Category: Honorable Mentions: Brianna Thrash (grade 11), "Color-Blinded"; Kaylee Haas (grade 10), "Love Like a Grandpa"; John DeLaet (grade 10), "Used to Be"; Quinn Turpin (grade 10), "Girlhood". 2nd Place: Jason Mashburn (grade 12), "Black Lab". 1st Place: Nate Kuebler (grade 12), "Barefoot Paradise"

Personal Narrative: Honorable Mentions: Quinn Turpin (grade 10), "The Zipper"; Kearstin Sheldon (grade 11), "Mind of a Mouse". 2nd Place: Aline Olsen (grade 12), "Harry Potter Can Really Perform Magic". 1st Place: Hailey Clarke grade 11), "Learning to Stand Alone".

The 2024-25 Tiger Tales winners were announced by the English Department at the April 30, 2025, during the reception held at Allegan High School. Pictured: Seated: Maliah Wylie, winner of the Web Banner Art award. Back Row: Quinn Turpin, honorable mention for Personal Narrative; Brianna Thrash, honorable mention for Poetry; John DeLaet, honorable mention for Poetry; Kaylee Hass, honorable mention for Poetry; and Kearstin Sheldon, honorable mention for Personal Narrative. Not pictured Nate Kuebler, 1st Place for Poetry, and Hailey Clarke, 1st Place for Personal Narrative.

It has been more than 20 years (1998) that a couple members of the high school English department and several community members that it was time to celebrate students for their writing. The categories included short stories, formal essays, personal narratives, poetry, editorials, and cover art. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, the 1st Place through runner up winners had their writings and drawings published in a book format. After COVID, the decision was made to publish them in an electronic version hoping that readers around the world could enjoy them.

English teacher Nancy Hascall and her colleagues believed that the high school was "brimming with engaged minds" that were eager to strive to be heard. Writing is the one place where an individual can be heard. It was students' writing that propelled Ms. Hascall in her teaching:

To read is to empower,
To empower is to write,
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To change is to live.
-Jane Evershed

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Allegan County clerk wins transparency award

Election Integrity Group Praises Response to Statewide Records Request

(Allegan, Michigan) Allegan County Clerk Bob Genetski is one of only 18 county clerks in the state to be recognized with the prestigious Sunlight Award. The award presented by Michigan Fair Election Institute was designed to recognize elections clerks for their "outstanding dedication and exemplary service in responding to citizens' requests for information about elections with speed, accuracy & professionalism."

In a letter addressed to Genetski, the MFEI explained that its members sent out a Freedom of Information Act request to every county clerk in the state. "Of Michigan's 83 county clerks, you were among the 18 who responded in five or fewer business days … for election data from the November 24 general election." The Institute noted that of the 83 county clerks only 22% provided the information as quickly as the Allegan County Clerk did.

"I am honored to receive the Sunlight Award for prioritizing taxpayers' ability to access public records," said Bob Genetski. According to the Clerk, "My staff and I take open government very seriously. We work very hard to make sure general requests and those made under the Freedom of Information Act are processed with respect and diligence believing that taxpayers own every aspect of government and that they deserve unhindered access to open records

Bob Genetski was first elected Allegan County Clerk & Register of Deeds in 2016. He is currently serving his third term. The Republican from Saugatuck previously served in the Michigan House of Representatives from 2009 – 2014. He was elected to the House in 2008 while he was teaching at a high school for at-risk students.

Unified Spirit Week taking place at middle school

By Gari Voss

What is Unified Spirit Week? According to the Special Olympics Organization, it is a week-long event designed to promote inclusion, unity, and school spirit. Themed dress-up days and activities are designed to celebrate diversity and support Special Olympics athletes. The goal is to foster a sense of belonging and community by encouraging students to embrace diversity and celebrate the unique qualities of each individual.

L. E. White Middle School invites everyone to join in celebrating Unified Spirit Week from May 5 - May 9, 2025! Each day will feature a fun dress-up theme designed to promote inclusion, kindness, and school spirit. Come and watch the unified basketball teams play on Friday, May 9th at 1pm.

Monday, May 5th: Mindful Monday – Peace, Love, and Unified! Wear tie-dye or flower child attire.

Tuesday, May 6th: Be Comfy, Be You - Wear your pajamas to school to show your acceptance of others.

Wednesday, May 7th: Wacky Socks - Wear wacky socks to show acceptance of all abilities.

Thursday, May 8th: Team Inclusion - Wear something that shows your favorite team on it to show that inclusion is a team effort.

Friday, May 9th: We are ALL Tigers - Wear your orange and black to show that Allegan is a unified community.

Friday: Unified Basketball Game
*PM Bell Schedule

12:15pm: Dismiss athletes, players, band students (7th/8th Symphonic band) and student coaches to report to the gym.

12:45pm: Dismiss Tigers classes to report to the gym (Music will be playing when students enter the gym as athletes warm up.)

12:55pm: Welcome students, staff, and visitors to the Unified basketball game! Before getting to the game, the spring sport teams will be recognized. (Audience is asked to please give 2 claps for each team.)

1:00pm The 2nd annual Special Olympics Unified Sports Event at LE White Middle School, in partnership with our Be Nice program begins. Unified Sports is an incredible program that pairs players up with teammates that are able to offer support and encouragement during the games.

The Team Black, coached by Camdyn Drozd and Mrs. Krcatovich!

Kelci Biesbrock (1), Austin Martinie (2), Alex Silva (3), Ann Merchant (15), Kara Logan (16), Aiden Girke (17), Jake Marrero (23), Hudson Davis (4), Greyson Crock (5), Jase Phillips (6), Kinley Cassar (7), Alivia Chapman (8). Team Helpers ~ Alice Jacobs-Tange, Josh Cooley

The Team White, coached by Maddie Boysen and Mrs. Ziemelis!

Bella Basket (9), Karissa March (18), Luke Willey (19), Angel Mason (20), Vallin Patterson (21), Aleyah Smith (22), Charlotte Burnett (10), Ava Thompson (11), Axzander Samuelson (12), Smith Chestnut (24). Team Helper ~ Abby Kidd, Amelia Burnett.

Game Notes:

Teams will not switch sides at half-time. There are 6 minute quarters. Time-out will be called at 3 minutes to get a drink and to substitute players. Music at halftime will be provided by the band.

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Otsego holds 'Tangled'-themed prom at Sherman Lake

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

A group of Otsego students gathered for photos before heading to dinner and then to the Sherman Lake YMCA for prom. (Photo by Terra Wesseldyk)

Friends are seen having a good time at the Otsego prom. (Photo provided)

Sherman Lake YMCA Outdoor Center played host to this year's Otsego High School prom, which took place on Saturday, May 3.

For OHS teacher Bri Demarest—who serves as junior class advisor and, therefore, helped plan the prom—the venue took her back in time.

"I actually had a prom there when I was in high school, so that's what gave me the idea to have our prom there this year," said Demarest, who graduated from Plainwell High School before starting her teaching career in Otsego.

The fact that Sherman Lake YMCA Outdoor Center has both an indoor and outdoor space was a big selling point for Demarest.

Last year, OHS held its prom at Warner Winery in Paw Paw, which is largely an outdoor space. And while the students seemed to love it, rain threated to put a damper on the evening before ultimately holding off until just after the prom ended.

Demarest didn't want to risk bad weather this year.

"Some of the big feedback after last year was that the students liked being outside, so I wanted the students to be able to go outside to cool down," she said. "But I didn't want the success of prom to be dependent on the weather like last year.

"Sherman Lake had a large deck that wrapped around the building for students to cool down and play a few games in addition to having the space inside."

The theme of this year's prom was "Tangled," referring to the Disney movie about Rapunzel. In the film, floating lanterns play a big role in the plot, which is why the prom's motto was "Light Up the Night."

"The junior class plans prom every year, and this year we came up with a list of about 10 options (for a prom theme)," Demarest said. "I sent those options to the entire junior class, which narrowed it down to the top two options that were then voted on by the junior and senior class.

"The Tangled theme was the runner up to Star Wars last year, so I was not surprised when it won this year."

Activities at the prom included a photo booth, cornhole and a large Connect 4 game. A chocolate fountain and a Shirley Temple bar were among the refreshment highlights.

"The students also got a choice of a chocolate chip or pink sugar Crumbl Cookie on their way out, which was the big hit of the evening," Demarest said.

Rudolph, an emotional-support dog who is well-known among OHS students, made an appearance at prom for the second straight year, much to the students' delight.

"The students always seem to enjoy have Rudolph around," Demarest said.

All in all, it was an evening of fun and memory-making, according to Demarest.

"The kids liked the venue, they seemed to like the music and liked that they could go outside," she said. "I think it was pretty successful overall."

A Shirley Temple bar was among the featured refreshments at the Otsego prom. (Photo provided)

Plainwell hosts hazardous waste disposal

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Twice each year, the City of Plainwell provides the opportunity for residents to safely dispose of household hazardous waste.

The first of those occasions for 2025 will take place on Wednesday, May 21, from 3 to 6 p.m. at Drug and Lab Disposal at 331 Broad St.

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Items that will not be accepted include latex paint, CRT TVs and smoke alarms.

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Law Day 2025 brings surprise resignation from Judge Baillargeon

By Gari Voss

Allegan County's celebration of Law Day 2025 on May 1st promoted the theme of "The Constitution's Promise: Out of Many, One". During the celebration, the 2025 Liberty Bell Award was given, and the Honorable William Baillargeon announced the recipient of the Excellence in the Law Scholarship in honor of the Honorable George R. Corsiglia. But the most memorable moment was Judge Baillargeon's announcement that he had informed Governor Gretchen Whitmer of his intended resignation as of August 1, 2025.

Law Day & the Constitution

The Honorable Emily Jipp of the 48th Circuit Court began the proceedings with references to May 1st being Law Day, and this year's theme is "The Constitution's Promise: Out of Many, One".

"The Constitution reflects the ideals that shape our profession and democracy. Law is more than statutes and precedent," explained Judge Jipp. "It's the unifying force forged in diversity and grounded in the enduring promise of constitutional democracy. Our constitution was a radical and pragmatic experiment born out of compromise, ambition and vision that united 13 colonies under law. The original constitution left out some important pieces which is why we have added, challenged, interpreted and fought for the equality ever since."

The Judge continued, "The Bill of Rights was the first collective statement that liberty requires limits on government power. That piece stated that religion, due process and trial by jury are not privileges but rights. Later the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments of the constitution sought to fulfill the Constitution's promise for all by abolishing slavery, defining citizenship, guaranteeing equal protection, and protecting the right to vote. The amendments reshaped our legal landscape, and yet, the promise they held has often demanded continual enforcement and reaffirmation in the courts and in our society."

Judge Jipp's explanation did not stop there, "The 19th Amendment secured women's right to vote. The 24th eliminated poll taxes, and the 26th expanded suffrage to 18 year olds. Each amendment was a marker of progress and demanded more of the constitution and has asked more of us."

Laurie Tange, the court administrator, presented the Liberty Bell Award to Carol Carr. "The award is given to a person who has made outstanding contributions to the cause of justice and the functioning of the legal system. Somebody who embodies the spirit of civic responsibility, dedication, and service."

Ms. Tange shared that Ms. Carr began working in the legal community at Sheridan and Sheridan 34 years ago. When Steven Sheridan became a judge, Carr followed him as his judicial assistant.

"During the last 34 years, Carr has been commitment to ensure that justice is impactful. She has spent countless hours assisting members of the public in navigating the often complex and overwhelming court system. Whether someone was facing a housing issue, family matter, criminal case, or civil concern, Carol has always been a calm, knowledgeable and compassionate presence, helping people understand the situation and finding their way through the legal process with dignity. Since the inception of the problem solving courts, she has been there, not just as a supporter, but helping shape the courts into the innovative, humane, and effective institutions that they are today," explained Tange. "But Carol's service doesn't stop there. She has been a guide for new attorneys [and judges], generously sharing her wisdom, her time, and unwavering sense of professionalism. She has helped shape the next generation of legal minds, instilling in them the same commitment to justice and public service that she herself embodies."

After Carr graciously accepted the Liberty Bell Award, it was the Honorable William Baillargeon, justice of the 57th District Court, turn to present the Excellence in the Law Scholarship in honor of the Honorable George R. Corsiglia from the William and Agnes Baillargeon Memorial Fund. This recipient is Taylor Klimp, who is graduating from Otsego High School and has plans to pursue a career in family law.

Judge Baillargeon stated that this scholarship can be given to a high school graduate who plans on pursuing a degree in law, an individual who would like to attend a law enforcement academy, or college students who are already involved in law studies. The Excellence in the Law Scholarship is in honor of the Honorable George R. Corsiglia, who Baillargeon described as a tough but fair judge who would do what he could to enforce the law.

"We must continue to fight and to uphold and work to make sure that the Constitution isn't just simply words written on a page. That is why my husband Brent Leonard and I established the William and Agnes Baillargeon Foundation to present scholarships to individuals for the excellence in the practice or pursuit of law," explained the Judge. "We give them generally to high school students, but they are available to college students as well as individuals applying to the various academies for law enforcement."

Judge Baillargeon then began what he described as an extremely difficult piece of information.

"Our constitution is under attack and our civil rights laws are being used to dismantle civil liberties. Some seek to intimidate and coerce the judiciary in hopes of bending decisions and opinions to their will. The rule of law is cited to justify ignoring due process protections. The late Justice Antonin Scalia said that every tinpot dictator has a bill of rights. What separates us [the United States] is due process.

"Who is impacted by this violation of due process that we are seeing? Of course, it's the unseen. It's the poor. It's the marginalized. It's the vulnerable. But as ignoring due process becomes normalized, who then will be next? Perhaps attorneys, some have already been targeted. Journalists? Some have already been targeted. Perhaps judges. Some too have already been targeted. What about the constitution itself? If such foundational aspects of our constitutional rights are violated as a whim, then as Justice Scalia stated, what separates us?

"Today, I remark on the state of the Constitution and judiciary only. I would reflect that the rule of law applies to all, and I would argue that it applies to judges especially. The judicial cannon of ethics provides that judges refrain from partisan activity, and I intend to adhere to this ethical demand for as long as I am a judge.

"But my conscience cries out, and I cannot and will not remain silent for the entirety of my elected term. Therefore, I have informed the governor that I intend to resign my office as chief judge of the 57th District Court effective August 1, 2025. In order to allow her team an opportunity to seek out and appoint the best qualified individual to replace me.

"I am grateful to this court, especially Carol, my court reporter and secretary, who for whom the support these last 18 years has been supportive of me in my office as judge in the county of Allegan. I'm also grateful to the Allegan Bar Association and my fellow judges for their professionalism and confidence. And I am also very thankful for the love and support of my husband Brent who is here today. For 21 years, he's been and continues to be my appeal of last resort. Thank you."

With those profound words, the Honorable William Baillargeon ended the session.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF OTSEGO ZONING ORDINANCE

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PLANNING COMMISSION
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Allegan County, Michigan

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Bulldogs beat Paw Paw, Plainwell to clinch league title

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

PAW PAW—A win over Paw Paw on Monday, May 5, would clinch the Wolverine Conference title for the Otsego girls soccer team.

Mission accomplished.

Behind a hat trick from Peyton Dennany, the Bulldogs secured the 4-0 victory to improve to 6-0 in league play with one game remaining.

The conference championship was the first for the Bulldogs since 2019.

"Peyton had herself a night," Otsego coach Levi Butcher said. "

Reagen Engbers accounted for the fourth Otsego goal, with Peyton Johnson, Allie Proctor and Valeria Verdin each chipping in with an assist.

Otsego held a 27-0 edge in shots.

"We controlled the game from the opening whistle, and everyone was getting in on the action aside from goalkeeper Zoe Alkire, who didn't face any shot," Butcher said. "This has been a common theme in conference play, as Zoe has only faced two shots through six matches thus far."

That, however, doesn't mean Alkire hasn't had an impact on games.

"Zoe has done an excellent job finding other ways to be involved, organizing us with her communication and improving her passing game with her feet," Butcher said. "It is like having an 11th field player at times."

Butcher praised the defensive play of Lexi Gross, Maddie Ragan and Addi Pfefferman.

"You don't do what we've done in conference without some stellar defending," Butcher said. "Those girls did an excellent job shutting down Paw Paw's counterattacking efforts on the night and have done so all season."

Otsego put itself in position to clinch the league title against Paw Paw thanks to a 3-1 win over Plainwell on Wednesday, April 30.

Both teams entered the game with a 4-0 conference record, putting the winner clearly in the driver's seat when it came to the chase for the title.

"Beating a rival on your home field is always a great feeling," Butcher said. "It was made more special by the fact that it was youth soccer night, so we had a ton of people from both communities in the stands cheering on their teams. It is always nice when the atmosphere matches the magnitude of the game, and I think our players noticed the energy in the stadium and fed off it."

With the score knotted at 1-1, Gross scored in the closing minutes of the first half to put Otsego up 2-1.

The Bulldogs added an insurance goal midway through the second half when Grace Gerst scored off an assist from Sydney Timmons.

Otsego's Grace Gerst (10) controls the ball while Plainwell's Alyssa Weldon closes in. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

"In the second half, after a couple adjustments, we carried play and it was off to the races for our attackers, especially in wide areas," Butcher said. "We were breaking the Trojans down and simply wearing them out.

"One of our strengths is our ball retention, and we set out to make Plainwell chase so they didn't have the legs left to counterattack. It worked well, and our squad showed poise and patience in a lot of big moments in that second half."

Peyton Johnson scored in the second minute of the game off an assist from Olivia Witteveen to give Otsego an early lead. Plainwell got its goal from Alayna Eldred midway through the first half.

"Our seniors had never beaten Plainwell, so this was especially sweet for them. Butcher said. "The Trojans have had our number since 2019 when we secured our second straight conference title with a 1-0 win over them. They're a good program with a ton of talent, and they're always well organized.

"We simply hadn't been able to compete in recent years, but we started to see a shift last spring. We had a lot of talent come into our team, but it was the attitude and soccer IQ that has really impressed us. Our girls genuinely like being together and playing alongside one another, and they know the game well."

Estelle breaks Hopkins' record in 1,600 meters

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

HOPKINS—There's a new school record holder in the 1,600 for the Hopkins boys track and field team.

Jack Estelle turned in a time of 4:29.09 at the Hopkins Invitational on Saturday, May 3, to not only set a new personal record by four seconds, but also set a new school record.

The previous school record had stood for 25 years, with Luke Williams running a 4:33.0 in 2000.

That performance by Estelle helped the Vikings place second in the team standings with 145 points.

Wayland finished with 210 points to win the title in the eight-team meet.

On the girls side, Hopkins took first place with 210 points, while Wayland was second with 147 points.

Hopkins junior Jack Estelle is seen with Vikings distance coach John Wamhoff. (Photo provided)

Otsego defends M-89 Challenge title

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

OTSEGO—In high school golf, it can be easy to overlook the fifth finisher on a team since the score is comprised of the top four finishers.

But in the case of a tie, the fifth golfer becomes extremely important.

Such was the case that this year's edition of the M-89 Challenge at The Lynx Golf Course on Friday, May 2.

With two-time defending champion Otsego tied with Wayland at 318 at the conclusion of the 18 holes of play, this year's winner came down to the performance of those team's fifth golfers per tiebreaker rules.

And thanks to junior Karson Holladay's score of 86, Otsego made it three straight M-89 Challenge titles.

Saugatuck was third at 324, followed by Hamilton (338), Plainwell (343) and Allegan (379).

Senior Landon Eastman paced Otsego with a 76, which was good for third place individually. Senior Jurian Shaffer was next for the Bulldogs at 78 (tied for fourth at 78), while senior Andrew Ballman and sophomore Owen Santman tied for ninth at 82.

The Otsego boys golf team won the M-89 Challenge for the third straight season. (Photo provided)

Plainwell junior Drew Rayman secured medalist honors, shooting an even-par 72.

Senior Theo Oddy had a team-best 75 for Wayland to place second. Saugatuck freshman Grant Schrotenboer tied for fourth at 78, while Wayland senior Liam Barabas, Hamilton senior Grant Petroelje and Saugatuck junior Noah Conklin tied for sixth at 79.

Wayland juniors Jaden Osterhout and Shane Koon each shot an 82 to tie with Ballman and Santman for ninth.

On Wednesday, April 30, Otsego and Plainwell were involved in a pair of Wolverine Conference jamborees.

The Bulldogs and Trojans tied for second at the Plainwell-hosted jamboree at Lake Doster with a score of 166. Vicksburg won at 162.

Rayman tied Vicksburg's Lincoln Taylor for medalist honors at 36. Also scoring for Plainwell were Reece Trahan (43), Gibson Youngs (43) and Sawyer McCall (44).

Shaffer and Eastman each shot a 41 for Otsego, followed by Santman and Holladay at 42 each.

Rayman was also medalist in the Three Rivers-hosted jamboree at Pineview, tying with Vicksburg's Riley Briggs and Edwardsburg's Ben Fish at 37.

Edwardsburg won the jamboree with a 160.

Jon Schmidtke (42), Cameron Larson (45) and McCall (45) also scored for Plainwell. Santman (39), Shaffer (40), Eastman (43) and Holladay (43) paced Otsego.

Martin, Saugatuck baseball split twin bill

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

SAUGATUCK—The baseball teams from Saugatuck and Martin settled for a split of their SAC doubleheader on Tuesday, April 29.

The Clippers took the first game 7-6, with the Trailblazers bouncing back to take the nightcap 6-5.

In the first game, Martin put together a six-run uprising in the top of the second inning to erase a 1-0 deficit. Haylen Buell provided the big hit of the frame, launching a 3-run homer to center field.

Saugatuck didn't go quietly, though, plating one run in the bottom of the second and four runs in the fourth to knot the score at 6-6.

But Martin scored an unearned run in the top of the sixth for what proved to be the difference in the game.

Buell pitched the final 3.1 innings in relief for the Clippers, striking out eight to lock down the victory.

Holden Burd had two hits—including a double—a run and two RBI for Saugatuck in the loss. Nolan LaLonde added a double and a run.

Game two saw Saugatuck score twice in each of the first two innings and once in the fourth to go up 5-0.

This time, it was Martin's turn to fight back, scoring three runs in the top of the fifth inning. Anderson Keeler's RBI single got the Clippers on the board, while Buell connected for his second homer of the day—a 2-run shot—to narrow the gap to 6-4.

The Clippers tied the score at 5-5 with a pair of runs in the top of the sixth.

Saugatuck wouldn't be denied, though, scoring the winning run in the bottom of the sixth.

Cass Stanberry led the Trailblazers with a single, a double, two runs and an RBI, while Burd added an RBI double and Jack Drummond had a run-scoring single.

Buell, Keeler and Blake Sweeting each collecting two hits for Martin, which stole seven bses in the game.

Wayland softball takes two from Middleville

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

MIDDLEVILLE—In the first game of the Wayland softball team's OK Gold doubleheader against Middleville on Wednesday, April 30, Madi Ludema hurt the Trojans with her arm.

In the second game, she hurt them with her bat.

Ludema pitched a complete-game shutout with eight strikeouts to lead Wayland to the 9-0 win in the opener before going 4-for-4 with a home run to help carry the Wildcats to the 11-0 victory in the nightcap.

Game two was stopped after five innings due to the mercy rule.

In the first game, Rae Stallard led the Wayland offense with a 2-for-3 effort that included a double and a walk, while Shelby VanHouten was 2-for-4. Kaylee Lown, Kennedy Lown and Harmony Laker each added a double, while Ludema, Clara Dutkiewicz and Mackenzie Kositzky each singled.

Ludema was one of four Wildcats to collect multiple hits in game two. Joining her were Kaylee Lown (2-for-4 with a double and two RBI), Stallard (2-for-3 with three RBI),

The Varsity Softball Team defeated Thornapple Kellogg in the second game, 11-0, in 5 innings. Harmony Laker took the victory on the mound and VanHouten (2-for-4).

In addition to lacing a double, Laker also earned the win in the pitcher's circle with five shutout innings of work.

Kositzky chipped in with a single for the Wildcats, who improved to 13-3.

Filkins sets strikeout record for Plainwell

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

STURGIS—Plainwell pitcher Luke Filkins made a little history on Tuesday, April 29.

Taking on Sturgis in the first game of a Wolverine Conference twin bill, Filkins limited Sturgis to one hit and struck out a school-record 17 batters in leading Plainwell to the 9-0 win.

Plainwell also won the second game 9-7 to complete the sweep to improve to 4-3 in the league standings.

With his record-setting effort, Filkins took the Wolverine Conference lead in strikeouts with 40.

"Luke's performance on the mound was outstanding," Plainwell coach Chris Taylor said. "He showed great poise and pitch command throughout the game."

Landon Maas led Plainwell offensively with three hits and two runs, while Andrew Hampton and Grayson Nash each had a hit and drove in two runs.

In game two, Hampton played the starring role, going 4-for-4 with four runs, two RBI and seven stolen bases.

"Andrew has been playing at a high level the entire season," Taylor said. "He currently leads the Wolverine conference in most offensive categories including batting average (.582), hits (32) stolen bases (29), doubles (9) and triples (3)."

Urijah Davis and CJ Laninga added two hits and an RBI each.

Hampton also started on the mound and went the first 4.1 innings, giving up three runs with eight strikeouts. Davis pitched a scoreless sixth inning for the save.

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ATHLETE of the WEEK

Luke Filkins
Plainwell
Baseball

It's been said that records are made to be broken. And on Tuesday, April 29, Plainwell pitcher Luke Filkins took the sentiment to heart as he broke the school record for stikeouts in a game.

Facing Sturgis in the opener of a twin bill, Filkins struck out 17 batters. He allowed just one hit in leading Plainwell to the 9-0 victory.

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Saugatuck boys claim SAC Lakeshore championship

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

LAWTON—The Saugatuck boys track team turned in scoring performances in all four relays at the SAC Championship Meet on Monday, May 5.

That was a big factor in the Trailblazers' ability to earn a fifth-place showing of 50 points in the 18-team field.

The top eight finishers in each event score points based on a 10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1 scoring system.

The meet was also scored as a dual meet between Saugatuck and Gobles since the scheduled meet between the teams was cancelled due to bad weather earlier this season.

The Trailblazers won that to finish 8-0 in the SAC Lakeshore, securing the divisional championship in the process.

Allegan was 15 with nine points and Martin was 16th with seven points. Fennville failed to score.

The top relay effort by Saugatuck came in the 4x800, as the team of Sammy Gamboa, Marcus Silva, Tommy Bullinger and Grant Rehkopf posted a time of 8:54.16 to place third.

Results for Saugatuck's other relays were: the 4x400 team of Chris Foley, Morgan Davis, Nick Petrik and Brennan Nor was fourth at 3:43.26; the 4x100 team of Jaxon Green, Carter Miller, Cass Stanberry and Max Page was seventh at 46.31; and the 4x200 team of Green, Miller, Petrik and Page was eighth at 1:37.97.

Individually, Miller and Stanberry each secured a runner-up finish.

Miller was second in discus at 138-10, and Stanberry was second in long jump at 20-3.5. Miller also scored in shot put (eighth at 43-0), while Stanberry scored in both the 300 hurdles (seventh at 44.17) and the 110 hurdles (eighth at 16.95).

Also scoring for the Trailblazers were: Sawyer Monroe in the 3,200 (third at 10:31.09) and the 1,600 (eighth at 4:49.16); Jackson Bowman in the 1,600 (seventh at 4:48.72) and the 3,200 (seventh at 10:43.17); and Pete Mitchell in long jump (fourth at 19-9).

Kellen Chalupa was part of both scoring performances for Allegan. In addition to finishing fifth in the 800 at 2:03.35, he was part of the 4x800 team that placed fourth (8:59.19) and also included Loghan Murphy, Hunter McKee and Cooper Prentice.

For Martin, Peyton Schuring-Harris was third in shot put (46-3) and Gavin Meyers was eighth in the 300 hurdles (44.7).

Fennville's best showing came in the 4x800 relay, with the team of Ehtan Jenne, Atticus Boeve, Carter Thompson and Jaciel Ruiz placing 11th at 9:45.0.

A group of Saugatuck runners competes in a recent meet. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Saugatuck girls place sixth at SAC Meet

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

LAWTON—Event wins by Alina Martinson and Niki McNeil helped propel the Saugatuck girls track team to a sixth-place finish at the 18-team SAC Championship Meet on Monday, May 5.

Saugatuck's Alina Martinson won the 400 at the SAC Meet. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

The Trailblazers finished with 52 points, putting them just one point behind fifth-place Schoolcraft and two points behind fourth-place Kalamazoo Christian.

Allegan was eighth with 43 points, while Martin (21 points) was 13th and Fennville (10 points) was 15th. Gobles took top honors with 83 points, followed by Hackett (68) and Bridgman (60).

Martinson won the 400 at 1:00.47. She also placed third in the 800 (2:24.95) and joined Kamryn Sixberry, Savannah VanDenBerg and Lyvia Curtis to finish runner-up in the 4x800 relay (10:12.56).

McNeil, meanwhile, continued her season dominance in discus with her winning effort of 127-0. She was eighth in shot put at 32-0.5.

Also scoring for Saugatuck by virtue of placing in the top eight were: Sixberry in the 3,200 (fifth at 13:00.12) and 1,600 (eighth at 5:44.16); Mazie Robison in the 100 hurdles (fourth at 15.85) and the 100 dash (seventh at 13.85); VanDenBerg in the 3,200 (eighth at 12:31.56); and the 4x100 relay team of Leora Buss, Robison, Martinson and Mallory Hass (fifth at 53.5).

Allegan also had two individual-event champions, as Jayden VandenAkker and Bailee Dilley each won an event.

VandenAkker took the top spot in the 100 hurdles at 15.24, with Dilley winning pole vault at 9-0. VandenAkker was also second in the 300 hurdles (46.62) and Dilley was fourth in long jump (14-11.25).

Dawn DeGood also had a good showing for Allegan, placing fourth in shot put (32-11) and eighth in disc (87-4). Maddie Antkoviak was two inches behind DeGood in shot put to place fifth.

Veyda Conley was the standout for Martin, finishing second in the 3,200 (12:05.0) and third in the 1,600 (5:25.08).

Conley was also part of the Clippers' 4x800 relay team that placed sixth (11:39.73) and also included Emily King, Kayden Jager and Sara Schipper. Martin's 4x200 team of Ellyse Blackburn, King, Schipper and Torryn Harris also placed sixth at 1:56.85, while Blackburn was eighth in high jump (4-8).

Isabelle Sliter accounted for both of Fennville's scoring efforts. She was fourth in both the 800 (2:31.71) and the 1,600 (5:29.54).

Otsego softball sweeps two twin bills

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

RICHLAND—The Otsego softball team scored multiple runs in six of 14 innings in its non-league doubleheader with Gull Lake on Monday, May 5, to claim wins of 8-5 and 11-6.

It didn't take long for the Bulldogs to get going offensively, scoring three runs in the top of the first inning of game one. They added five runs two innings later.

Audrey Lingbeek paced Otsego with a two-run home run, while Alyvia Farrell had two singles. Mikayla Bateman and Cassie Holland each singled.

Lingbeek also earned the win, pitching the first four innings with eight strikeouts and one run allowed.

In game two, the Bulldogs built a 9-1 lead through four innings and cruised from there.

Holland (3-for-3 with two doubles, two runs and two RBI), Farrell (2-for-4), Lingbeek (2-for-2 with two runs), Sydneigh Mosher (2-for-3 with a run and an RBI) and Madi Dendel (2-for-3 with a run and an RBI) had multiple hits for the Bulldogs.

Holland pitched all seven innings, allowing four earned runs on eight hits with seven strikeouts.

Otsego also swept a twin bill against Wolverine Conference rival Niles on Tuesday, April 29, posting wins of 9-4 and 8-3.

Lingbeek starred in the opener, pitching a complete game with no earned runs and 11 strikeouts. She also went 3-for-3 at the plate with a home run, a triple, two runs and two RBI.

Mariah Weaver also had three hits to go with a run and two RBI.

In the second game, Holland, Farrell, Bateman and Weaver all had two hits. That included one double for Holland and Farrell.

Holland started in the pitcher's circle and worked all seven innings, allowing five runs (two earned) on seven hits with 10 strikeouts.

Otsego baseball drops doubleheaders to Gull Lake, Niles

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

RICHLAND—On Monday, May 5, the Otsego baseball team traveled to Richland for a non-conference doubleheader against a Gull Lake team ranked 15th in Division 2.

The result was a pair of losses, as the Bulldogs dropped game one 12-2 in six innings and game two 10-0 in five innings.

Jaydon Watson drove in both Otsego runs for the afternoon. He connected for an RBI single in the fourth inning of the opener before coming through with a sacrifice fly two innings later.

Jaxon Ray, who doubled in game one, scored both runs. Scottie Durr added a single.

In the nightcap, four Gull Lake pitchers combined to limit Otsego to two base runners in the five-inning affair. The first of those base runners came in the second inning when Watson reached on an error to lead off the frame, while the second came in the fifth inning on a one-out single by Matthew Jackson.

Jackson was later doubled off second base on a lineout by Durr to end the game.

On Tuesday, April 29, the Bulldogs faced Niles in a Wolverine Conference twin bill and came up short in both games, suffering losses of 8-4 and 7-2.

Ray, Durr and Karl Hildebrand each singled and drove in a run in the opener. Landon Wrobleski, Peyton Koenig and Drew Kortokrax also singled in the loss.

Hildebrand started on the mound for Otsego and took the loss. He allowed eight runs on 11 hits with five walks and three strikeouts in 4.1 innings.

Niles plated four runs in the bottom of the first inning to take a quick lead in the second game and never looked back.

Ray went 2-for-3 with a run, with Hildebrand, Jackson and Brennan Perry each chipping in with a single.

Otsego scored both of its runs in the sixth inning, with the first coming when Durr reached on an error and the second coming on Jackson's single.

Watson took the loss, going the first 4.1 innings and allowing seven runs (six earned) on nine hits with six walks and a strikeout.

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Bulldogs win at Parchment

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

PARCHMENT—The Otsego boys track team secured first-place finishes in seven of the 14 events at the Parchment Relays on Friday, May 2.

That enabled the Bulldogs to earn the team title with 112 points, which was 14 points ahead of runner-up Gull Lake.

Defending champion Plainwell took third in the eight-team event with 88 points, while Allegan was eighth with 19 points.

Matthew Long and Jack Cook were each part of three event wins. That included the pair teaming up with Michael Spitzner and Zeke Andrina in the 4x400 with a time of 3:35.62.

Cook was also part of winning 4x200 relay (1:34.25) along with Andrina, Vonte Boyce and Ethan Simpson as well as the winning 800 sprint medley relay (1:39.63) along with Boyce, Roman Mitchell and Simpson.

Long anchored the winning 4x800 relay team (8:36.03) that also included Holten Mulherin, Trevor Meyer and Caleb Wesseldyk as well as joining with Mulherin, Kenny Sheffer and Wesseldyk to win the 4,800 distance medley relay (13:35.31).

Otsego also claimed top honors in long jump with Louis DiGrandi and Simpson combining for 37-2 along with shot put as Alex Robbins, Michael Misner and Rowan McKinley had the winning performance.

Plainwell won the 1,600 sprint medley, as Trason Stephenson, Kegan Quarles, Trent Hanson and Hiro Nguyen finished at 3:48.37.

The Trojans were also second in four events: the 4x400 relay with Nguyen, Joey Plumley, Donovan Ryan and Hansen (3:40.53); the 4x800 relay with Henry Cox, Gibson Pettit, Nguyen and Ryan (9:01.52); the 4,800 distance medley relay with Pettit, Nguyen, Cox and Ryan (14:12.84); and pole vault with Loehn Luckett and Blake Boerman.

Allegan's best finish came in the 4x800, with the team of Kellen Chalupa, Loghan Murphy, Hunter McKee and Cooper Prentice placing third at 9:12.51.

Otsego's Holten Mulherin (center) battles Allegan's Kellen Chalupa (left) and Plainwell's Hiro Nguyen (right).

Otsego takes first at relay meet

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

PARCHMENT—The closest finish on the girls side of the Parchment Relays on Friday, May 2, came in the throwers 4x100.

And it was Otsego's team of Audrey Holmes, Isabella Bailey, Isabella Xenos and Madden Fitzpatrick that edged out Galesburg-Augusta's quartet by a margin of 57.93-57.94.

Otego's Taylor Mitchell (left) starts a race at the Parchment Relays. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

That was one of five event wins for the Bulldogs, who finished with 102 points to take the team championship.

Gull Lake was second with 92 points followed by Plainwell with 86 points in third. Allegan was seventh with 28 points.

The throwers also accounted for two of Otsego's other event victories.

Holmes, Fitzpatrick and Xenos combined to win shot put, while Fitzpatrick, Bailey and Xenos finished atop the discus standings.

Also winning events for the Bulldogs were the 4x800 relay team of Taylor Klimp, Brenna Yocum, Taylor Mitchell and Sky Mejeur (10:55.24) and the 4,800 distance medley team of Madeline Goodwin, Klimp, Mitchell and Mejeur (16:58.67).

Plainwell got wins in the 1,600 sprint medley and the 4x100 shuttle hurdle relay.

The team of Delainey Poel, Nyra Cross, Hailey Newcomb and Mai Nguyen won the 1,600 sprint medley at 4:32.81, while the team of Jadyn Erdody, Ella Lapenna, Josie Longcore and Kora Drainkowska took first in the shuttle hurdle at 1:16.16.

Allegan's best finish came in the 800 sprint medley. The team of Aylah Copeland, Neveah Willams, Bailee Dilley and Jayden VandenAkker had a time of 1:58.75.

Saugatuck soccers shuts out Watervliet

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

WATERVLIET—Neave Rewa and Ava Tringali spearheaded the offensive effort for the Saugatuck girls soccer team in its SAC showdown with host Watervliet on Wednesday, April 30.

Kennedy Gustafson and Julia Lowry did the same on the defensive end.

Rewa and Tringali each scored a goal, while Gustafson and Lowry combined to make four saves as the Trailblazers prevailed 2-0.

In addition to her goal, Tringali also assisted on Rewa's tally. Mallory Hass was credited with the assist on Tringali's goal.

Saugatuck led 1-0 at halftime.

Fennville softball drops two twin bills

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

SOUTH HAVEN—The Fennville softball team had a tough time slowing down the South Haven offense in a SAC doubleheader on Monday, May 5.

South Haven connected for a total of 29 hits and 31 runs in posting wins of 15-0 and 16-1. That included an 11-run outburst in the second inning of game one and a 14-run uprising in the second inning of game two.

For Fennville, Ariel Latchaw singled and drove in the Blackhawks' lone run of game two. Cailey Mokma and Amiyah Johnson also singled.

Fennville didn't record a hit in the opener.

On Wednesday, April 30, the Blackhawks suffered losses of 19-4 (four innings) and 12-2 (six innings) in a twin bill against Bridgman.

Lily Achterhof pitched in took the loss in both games.

Mokma had the big hit of the afternoon for Fennville, as she laced a home run in the opener. Veda Seward added an RBI double.

Allegan takes first place at Tiger Duals

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Dominant.

That one word pretty much sums up Addy Fales' performance for Allegan at No. 1 singles at the Tiger Duals on Saturday, May 3.

Fales went a perfect 3-0 against opponents from Grand Rapids West Catholic, Petoskey and St. John's, dropping just three total games to help Allegan claim the team title with 16 points.

Petoskey was second with 12 points, followed by West Catholic with 11 points and St. John's with nine points.

Two other flights joined Fales in winning titles for Allegan with 3-0 records: No. 1 doubles Hanna Kievit/Taylor Fuller and No. 3 doubles Sophia Augustine/Emma Scheffler.

The wins by Kievit/Fuller included a three-set nailbiter against West Catholic that resulted in a 7-6 (5), 4-6, 12-10 victory.

No. 2 doubles Ireland Dewey/Madison Cook and No. 4 doubles Shy Thompson/Kaylee Haas both finished runner-up at 2-1. No. 2 singles Judith Ducourau, No. 3 singles Kendall Halstead and No. 4 doubles Serenity Puente each went 1-2 to finish third.

"We showed off some great depth with all flights winning at least one match," Allegan coach Damien Arthur said. "The other three teams couldn't say the same."

The Tiger Duels capped what was a busy two days for Allegan.

The previous day, the Tigers participated in the Paw Paw Tri and went 1-0-1, beating Berrien Springs 6-2 and tying Paw Paw 4-4.

Fales was Allegan's lone singles flight to go 2-0. She lost a total of one game during those two matches.

No. 2 doubles Dewey/Cook and No. 3 doubles Augustine/Scheffler also went 2-0.

Allegan was back in action on Monday, May 5, as it squared off with Kalamazoo Christian in the Tigers' final dual of the season.

The match ended in a 4-4 tie, with Allegan winning all four doubles flights and the Comets winning all four singles flights.

Winning scores for Allegan were: No. 1 doubles Kievit/Fuller 7-5, 6-3; No. 2 doubles Dewey/Cook 6-1, 6-1; No. 3 doubles Augustine/Scheffler 6-0, 6-2; and No. 4 doubles Thomson/Kelley 6-2, 3-6, 6-2.

The Allegan girls tennis team won the Tiger Duals on Saturday, May 3. (Photo provided)

Perez leads Fennville soccer to two wins

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

BRIDGMAN—For the second straight game, Nadia Perez scored multiple goals for the Fennville girls soccer team.

And for the second straight game, the Blackhawks collected a win.

Perez scored twice against Bridgman on Monday, May 5, leading Fennville to the 3-0 victory.

Mayling Mendoza-Huynh accounted for the third Fennville goal. Andy Balke added two assists, with Elizabeth Gonzalez assisting on one goal.

Abby Gonzalez made six saves for the shutout in goal.

On Wednesday, April 30, Perez found the back of the net three times as the Blackhawks posted the 8-0 victory over Coloma.

The game was stopped early due to the mercy rule.

Perez also had an assist, while Mendoza-Huynh had two goals and two assists. Christina Mendoza added a goal and two assists, Balke had a goal and an assist, and Elizabeth Guzman scored once.

Dina Santos Porrez and Elvia Guerra contributed one assist each.

Hamilton baseball sweeps Holland in three-game series

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

HOLLAND—The Hamilton baseball team wasted no time seizing control of its OK Black game against Holland on Wednesday, April 30.

The Hawkeyes plated four runs in the first inning and three in the second as they secured the 9-1 victory to improve to 13-3.

Clay Blauwkamp and Landon VanderZwaag led the offensive charge for Hamilton, with each going 3-for-3. That included a triple and three RBI for Blauwkamp.

Owen Brown added a 2-for-3 showing. Brown also tossed two scoreless innings in relief of starter Carter Basinski to close out the game.

Basinski went five innings, allowing two hits and one run.

The win completed a three-game series sweep against the Dutch, as Hamilton swept a doubleheader by scores of 10-1 and 10-2 on Tuesday, April 29.

The Hawkeyes also scored early in each of those games, as they put together an eight-run first inning in the opener and pushed three runs across the plate in the first inning of game two.

VanderZwaag, Blauwkamp, James Hoffman and Carson Turcot each had two hits, with VanderZwaag and Turcot driving in two runs apiece.

Blauwkamp also got the start on the mound and scattered five hits over five innings. He allowed one run and struck out three.

Dakota Breuker pitched two scoreless innings of relief with one hit allowed and one strikeout.

Brown and Brett VanderKooi each reached base three times, with a hit and two walks. They both also had an RBI and two runs.

Caleb Oosterink drew the starting assignment on the mound and went five innings to get the win. He gave up one unearned runs and struck out three.

Breuker tossed a scoreless sixth inning before the game was called due to darkness.

A MACCtivity on thriving in nonprofit work

By Gari Voss

Non-profit work is not for the faint of heart. Often, the hours are long, and it takes courage and resolution to face the difficulties or risks. MACC, Allegan's Multi-Agency Collaborative Council, has featured a variety of topics to assist in strengthening non-profits across Allegan County. The overall goal is to enhance the quality of life for Allegan County residents by promoting, strengthening, and reinforcing collaboration and coordination among organizations. Non-profits should not feel alone in their endeavors to solve challenges.

The May MACCtivity will be an interactive workshop led by Dr. Cathy Anthofer-Fialon from Mediation Services to explore Thriving in Nonprofit Work: Self-Care on a Time Budget.

Participants will meet at the Allegan Area ESA Boardroom, 310 Thomas St. in Allegan from 9am-2:30pm on Wednesday, May 14, 2025. Those in attendance will learn practical strategies to prioritize well-being, manage stress, and maintain energy while having a packed schedule. The session will provide tools to help recharge and sustain a passion for making a difference in the lives of those assisted by the non-profit.

Register at https://allegan.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/ticket?edt_id=1495 or call (269) 673-8344 x209 for additional information. Lunch will be provided, and dietary restrictions may be made during registration. The fee will be $12.

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NOTICE

OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DETERMINATION

DATE: Tuesday, May 20, 2025
TIME: 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Allegan Township Hall
3037 118th Avenue
Allegan, Michigan 49010
QUESTIONS: (269) 673-0440

A Board of Determination will meet at the above date, time, and location to hear all interested persons, receive evidence and determine whether the proposed consolidation of the Graham Carter Meadow Drain and a portion of the Signal Point Drain, to be known as the Graham Carter Meadow Drain, and the consolidation of the Graham Carter Meadow Drain Drainage District and a portion of the Signal Point Drain Drainage District, with the consolidated drainage district to be known as the Graham Carter Meadow Drain Drainage District, as set forth in the petition, dated September 4, 2024, is conducive to the public health, convenience or welfare, pursuant to Chapter 19 of Public Act 40 of 1956, as amended.

A presentation will be made to the Board of Determination outlining a brief history of the drainage districts and describing the roles, responsibilities, and decision to be made by the Board of Determination. The presentation is to provide background for landowners and municipalities in the drainage districts and facilitate the dissemination of information and the receipt of testimony of landowners in the drainage districts. The Board of Determination will make its decision at the end of the meeting.

Proceedings conducted at this public meeting will be subject to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Information regarding this meeting may be obtained from the Allegan County Drain Commissioner's Office located at 3283 122nd Avenue, Allegan, MI 49010. Minutes of the meeting will be on file in the Allegan County Drain Commissioner's office.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Drain Commissioner at the number listed above or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

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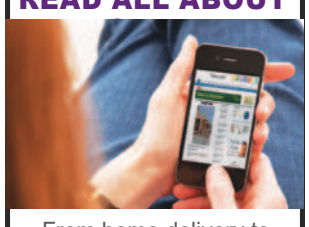
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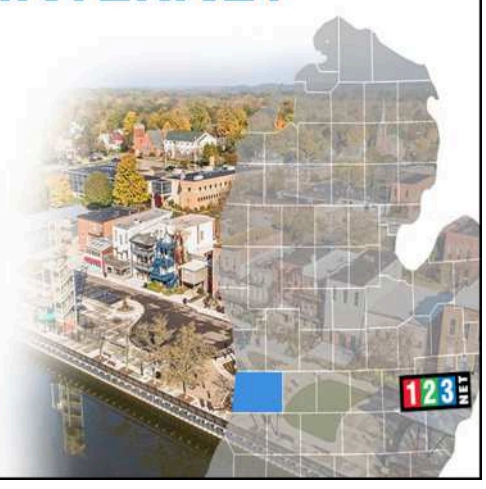

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For The Record

Peek at the Past

From the pages of The Allegan News and The Allegan County News and Gazette:

May 8, 1950

Kyes honored by state JCC for work as mayor: Walter Kyes, Allegan's first mayor under the new city charter, was awarded a certificate of merit by the state Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The award was presented by Maurice Roberts, former Alleganite, now a resident of Alma, while living here was a leader in the fight to gain popular acceptance for the city manager form of government. The Allegan Junior Chamber received nationwide recognition for its part in the hotly contested campaign.

Also guests at the Thursday night meeting held at Ot-Well-Egan County Club included mayor Richard Wilcox and other members of the city council.

In accepting the certificate, ex-mayor Kyes reported on the program, which he outlined to the JCC two years ago. Virtually all of that program has been completed, Kyes told the Jaycees. Included were water-supply improvements, an equitable wage scale for city employees, relief for the parking situation, better police protection, street improvements and sewer service for several neglected neighborhoods.

May 8, 1975

Shop has 'barrel' full of antiques: After collecting antiques from far and near for three years, Joan Dalman opened a shop to display her treasures March 13 behind the Red Brick Inn near Plainwell.

The Inn is a perfect setting for an antique shop: A stagecoach stop in olden days, the farmhouse is one of a cluster of picturesque old buildings surrounded by ancient, gnarled burr oak trees.

Joan's antiques are housed in "The Rain Barrel," an old shed that once was a blacksmith shop on the farm, an area landmark.

To add to the atmosphere, the original blacksmith's forge still stands in the vine-covered building that Mrs. Dalman and her husband, Bill, who owns Imperial Carving in Allegan, spent two weeks cleaning and painting before the grand opening.

The Dalmans painted the interior red, carpeted part of the floor space, treated the original brick floor in another part and hung some light fixtures that aren't old, but Joan said she has been asked several times if they're for sale.

May 11, 2000

County schools take state awards: Plainwell's Starr Elementary School, Allegan County Intermediate School District, Allegan Public Schools and Saugatuck High School received "Michigan's Best: Education Excellence Awards."

The statewide competitive program, sponsored by the Michigan Association of School Boards, identifies and recognizes outstanding educational programs in Michigan's public schools. An independent panel of state-level education experts selects exceptional programs in elementary, secondary and intermediate schools which "exemplify innovativeness and improve student achievement," and the four schools from Allegan County were the top choices of the judges.

Plainwell Community Schools' "Kindergarten Literacy Centers" organized by director of curriculum Bob Van Dis and kindergarten teacher Mary Warrener, increased the success of literacy of their students.

Van Dis said he and Warrener attended the award ceremony at Edwardsburg Middle School Region 6, which is for the southwest Michigan area, to receive their MASB trophy for "Michigan's Best."

May 7, 2020

Driven to graduate: With social distancing making traditional high school commencement ceremonies all but impossible, schools across Allegan County are learning to get creative to mark the occasion.

Martin High School decided to make it a drive-thru affair.

On Friday, May 1, seniors were invited to park next to the football field at 8:20 p.m.—20:20 in military time, in a nod to the year—where they were honored. As many of the students perched atop their vehicles, their families parked elsewhere in the parking lot, the stadium lights were turned on for 20 minutes while their names were announced from the press box.

They were then escorted by the Martin Fire Department through town in their cars and back to the school.

Plans for how to mark the occasion are still in the works for Allegan Public Schools. On April 21, seniors were invited to pick up their cap and gown at the school's front lot—all from inside their cars. They could also pick up belongings left in their locker.

Allegan High School principal Jim Mallard said it was a great afternoon.

"It was awesome, and the staff was so excited to see them," Mallard said, noting staff and the local fire department greeted the seniors with congratulatory signs, albeit from behind masks.

They have been invited back this week to drop off their textbooks and devices they signed out for the year.

—Compiled by Jason Wesseldyk

Mike Buckland, Allegan County Area Technical and Education Center director, and Amy Oliver, ACISD Math and Science Center consultant, hold their Michigan Association of School Boards' "Michigan's Best: Education Excellence Award" given for the success of the Eco Expo. (Photo by Erica Warren)

Joan Dalman is in a definite frame of mind to sell antiques in "The Rain Barrel," a shop she recently opened in one of the old buildings behind The Red Brick Inn near Plainwell. —New & Gazette photo by Bill Krasean

Deaths

April 17, 2025

HELENA RUTH VANDYKE, 94, Holland

April 18, 2025

KEVIN LEE BEERTHUIS, 65, Lee Twp.

April 19, 2025

THEODORE LLYOD MCLAUGHLIN, 90, Allegan Twp.

BARBARA ANNA VANHUIS, 78, Holland

April 20, 2025

NANCY JANE HENRICKSON, 60, Allegan Twp.

RUBY JEAN MOSS, 87, Allegan

MARY RUTH FILE, 93, Plainwell

MAURICE JEROME RIVERS, 83, Plainwell

HENRY LEE CRAWFORD SR, 66, Casco Twp.

April 21, 2025

KENNETH HARVEY CRONKHITE, 63, Otsego Twp.

RONALD WESLEY ONKEN, 87, Clyde Twp.

April 22, 2025

JAMES J SEBRIGHT, 83, Gun Plain Twp.

KENNETH ALLEN TEAGUE, 42, Gun Plain Twp.

April 23, 2025

MARY STEPHANIE COBLENTZ, 76, holland

MARY IRENE GARZA, 79, Holland

LARRY A DUBBINK, 72, Douglas

AMANDA C REIFFEN, 47, Douglas

KELLY DAWN FLORY, 44, Otsego Twp.

April 24, 2025

LARRY D FITZHUGH, 82, Douglas

FREDERICK GENE HAMLIN, 94, Saugatuck Twp.

April 26, 2025

HANNELLORE CHARLOTTE BRANDL, 91, Ganges Twp.

MARILYN JEAN SCHURKAMP, 92, Wayland Twp.

Marriages

The following people applied for a marriage license between April 23 and April 30:

JENNIFER KAY YEAKEY, Wayland, and **SETH ANDREW MEEK**, Wayland

LINDA S KLEIN, Dorr, and **HARVEY R EDENS**, Muskegon

ASHLEY NICHOLE NICHOLS, Plainwell, and **CORBIN JAMES GAYHEART**, Plainwell

KERRI LYNN VANGELDEREN, Holland, and **MICHAEL PAUL ELDERS**, Hamilton

DEREK GABRIEL GAHA, LEBANON, IN, and **HATTIE JANE SAYLOR**, LEBANON, IN

EDMOND JAMES BERGERON, Allegan, and **MARIA VIRGINIA VANDERMEER**, Allegan

ANGELA JOY CASTILLO, Holland, and **RENY BARRIENTES HERNANDEZ**, Holland

ALEXANDRIA LEIGH MINGERINK, Wayland, and **CALEB ALAN KOSTERS**, Byron Center

JOLINDA SUE LUCAS, Wayland, and **GENIENE MICHELLE GERSH**, Wawyland

MADISON DANAE WILSON, Allegan, and **QUINN ALISTER BOWDEN**, ZIONSVILLE, IN

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RODNEY EDWARD SHUMAKER II, Otsego, and **EDITH GUADALUPE RINCON VALDIVIA**, Dorr

RANDALL J AERTS, Plainwell, and **CAROL ANN HAYES**, Plainwell

JAZMIN CORTEZ, Allegan, and **BRIAN CALEB KELLY**, Allegan

AIMEE MARIE WILKINSON, INDIANAPOLIS, IN, and **KALEY MARIE SCHOEPH**, INDIANAPOLIS, IN

REBEKAH MARIE HILL, Plainwell, and **SAMUEL DAVID HENDRICKS**, Hudsonville

CHRISTINA LYNN KENDALL, Allegan, and **IAIN ALEXANDER PENMAN**, Portage

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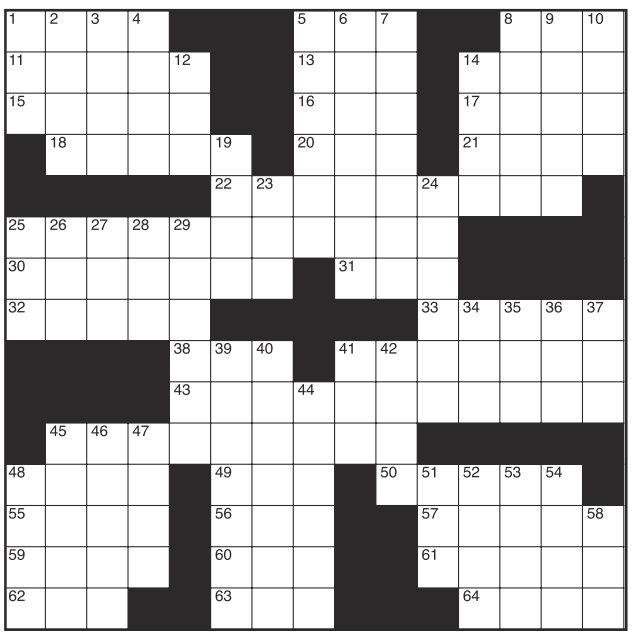

CLUES ACROSS

1. Herring-like fish
5. Perform on stage
8. Soda
11. Small growth
13. In support of
14. Step taken when walking
15. Hollyhocks
16. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
17. Feel pain
18. San Diego ballplayer
20. Inches per minute (abbr.)
21. Fat from a pig's abdomen
22. Create again
25. Honors once more
30. Thin coating of gold
31. Welsh river
32. Japanese novelist Mizumura
33. Husks of corn
38. Green vegetable
41. Showing guilt
43. Soldier
45. Photographers
48. Language spoken in Nigeria
49. Mimic
50. Expressed pleasure
55. Ancient Greek sophist
56. Beverage container
57. Night monkey genus
59. Lace bugs
60. Hogshead (abbr.)
61. Frameworks
62. Keyboard key
63. Greek goddess of the dawn
64. Influential Korean independence figure

CLUES DOWN

1. A place to unwind
2. Helped (archaic)
3. Razorbill genus
4. Bleached
5. Continent
6. Fruit preserved in syrup
7. Impediment to one's freedom
8. Nocturnal rodents
9. Earthy pigment
10. Relieved oneself
12. Golf score
14. Tech hub __ Alto
19. Sportscaster Andrews
23. Records electric currents
24. Popular Hitchcock film
25. Revolutions per minute
26. NY Giants legend
27. Sports radio host Patrick
28. When you hope to get somewhere
29. French seaport
34. Thai river
35. Rocker's accessory
36. Extra charge
37. Influential American president
39. Pain in the head
40. Great Plains people
41. Consumed
42. Soluble ribonucleic acid
44. Improves
45. Secret clique
46. Behind the stern of a ship
47. Dough made from corn flour
48. Fallow deer
51. Swiss river
52. Grayish white
53. Engrave
54. College's Blue Devils
58. Midway between south and southeast

■ see **Solution**, Page B7

Public Notices

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 09:00 AM, on July 3, 2025. The amount due on the Mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by PAUL E COMBS and LINDA L COMBS to American Advisors Group dated February 2, 2016 and recorded February 11, 2016 in Liber 4004 at Page 92, Allegan County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by Carrington Mortgage Services LLC by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of $95,131.08. Said premises are located in Allegan County, Michigan and are described as: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate and lying in the Township of Trowbridge County of Allegan and State of Michigan and described as follows, to-wit: Lot 10 of Maple Bathing Beach, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 5 of Plats, Page 51. BEING the same property conveyed to Paul E. Combs and Linda L. Combs by Warranty Deed from Robert F. Knowlton and Sharon J. Knowlton, dated April 14, 1983 and recorded April 18, 1983 at Book 1032, Page 396. Said property is commonly known as 3061 Baseline Road, Gobles, MI 49055. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Please be advised that any third party purchaser is responsible for preparing and recording the Sheriff's Deed. If this is a residential Mortgage, the following shall apply: ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU: ARE A DEBTOR IN AN ACTIVE BANKRUPTCY CASE; ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF A BANKRUPTCY STAY; OR, HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AND YOU HAVE NOT REAFFIRMED THE DEBT, THIS NOTICE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY. Dated: April 11, 2025 Attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage: Thomas E. McDonald (P39312) Brock & Scott, PLLC 5431 Oleander Drive Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (844) 856-6646 File No. 25-09544

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Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lake Michigan Credit Union

Date of Mortgage: February 10, 2023

Date of Mortgage Recording: February 15, 2023

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $93,589.08

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Holland, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Unit 176, Central Village Condominium No. 4, a Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 1166, Page 205, Allegan County Records, and designated as Allegan County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 31, and Amendments thereto, in any, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

Common street address (if any): 46 Old Mill Dr Unit 20, Holland, MI 49423-7704

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: April 17, 2025

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on May 15, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Karen J. Allen, a single woman

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc.

Date of Mortgage: November 2, 2022

Date of Mortgage Recording: November 8, 2022

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $142,811.59

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at the center of Section 18, Town 2 North, Range 13 West; thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes 24 seconds East on the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 841.84 feet to the place of beginning of this description; thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes 24 seconds East on said 1/4 line 241.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 07 minutes 12 seconds West 1243.82 feet to the centerline of Babylon Road; thence North 79 degrees 30 minutes 04 seconds West on said centerline 245.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 07 minutes 12 seconds East 1199.21 feet to the place of beginning. Township of Allegan, County of Allegan.

Common street address (if any): 3459 Babylon Rd, Allegan, MI 49010-9220

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: April 17, 2025

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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(04-17)(05-08)

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on May 15, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Sherry Harrison, a married woman Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: November 25, 2015 Recorded on December 16, 2015, Liber 3989, on Page 85, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Union Home Mortgage Corp. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Fifty-Nine Thousand Eighty and 18/100 Dollars ($59,080.18) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Lots 168, 169 and 170 of Hardendorf`s Addition, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 22, Allegan County Records. Commonly known as 420 S Grant St, Otsego, MI 49078 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Union Home Mortgage Corp. Mortgagee/ Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

48th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

COUNTY PROBATE

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

CASE NO. 25-70137-CH

Court telephone no. (269) 673-0300

Court address 113 Chestnut St., Allegan, Michigan 49010

Plaintiff name(s), address(es), and telephone no(s).

FLICKINGER SERVICE, LLC

Plaintiff's attorney, bar no., address, and telephone no.

TROTT LAW, P.C.

By: Robert J. Kinggo III (P68442)

31440 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

248.593.0496

v

Defendant name(s), address(es), and telephone no(s).

UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR ASSIGNEES OF

LEWIS JAMES FOLK

1491 102nd Ave.

Plainwell, MI 49080-9703

TO: Unknown Heirs, Devisees or Assignees of Lewis James Folk

IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to quiet title as to property located at 1491 102nd Ave., Plainwell, MI 49080. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before 28 days after the date of last publication. yo, fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in €Wspaper that publishes in Allegan County for three consecutive weeks and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

Dated: 4-3-2025

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on June 5, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Tomas Brvenik and Anne L Oxendine, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lake Michigan Credit Union

Date of Mortgage: November 12, 2020

Date of Mortgage Recording: December 8, 2020

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $198,224.30

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Saugatuck, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: That part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 22, Town 3 North, Range 16 West, described as: Beginning at a point on the West line of said Section which is South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West

1130.35 feet from the Northwest corner of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 154.05 feet; thence South 89 degrees 18 minutes 13 seconds East 198.00 feet along a line which is North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 25.00 feet from and parallel with the South line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 154.05 feet; thence North 89 degrees 18-minutes 13 seconds West 198.00 feet to the point of beginning. Saugatuck Township, Allegan County, Michigan.

Common street address (if any): 2955 66th St, Fennville, MI 49408-9642

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: April 24, 2025

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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(04-24)(05-15)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 a.m., on June 5, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. Default has occurred in the conditions of a Mortgage (the "Mortgage") made by Gerald J. Sisson and Violet C. Sisson, husband and wife, as Mortgagor(s), to United Federal Credit Union, as Mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated April 26, 2018 and was recorded May 4, 2018 at Liber 4243 Page 68 of Allegan County Records. The amount claimed to be due on said Mortgage and unpaid at the date of this Notice is FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR AND 63/100 ($44,184.63) DOLLARS, including interest on the applicable indebtedness at a rate of 5.75% per annum. This sum will increase as additional interest, costs, expenses, and attorney fees accrue under the Mortgage and its related note and which are permitted under Michigan law after the date of this Notice. No legal or equitable proceedings have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, and the power of sale in the Mortgage has become operative by reason of the default. At the date and time as referenced previously in this Notice, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property herein described, or some part of them, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid on the Mortgage, along with interest due, the legal costs and charges of sale as allowed by statute and/or the Mortgage, and any taxes and insurance that the Mortgagee pays on or prior to the date of said sale. The property mentioned and described in the Mortgage, as located in the Township of Lee, County of Allegan, and State of Michigan, are more particularly described as follows: Lots 30 & 31, Vio Ashdale's Addition, Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 12, Allegan County Records; Address: 5525 Highland Ave., Pullman, MI 49450; Tax Parcel No.: 03-12-760-030-00. together with all existing or subsequently erected or affixed buildings, improvements, and fixtures, including the affixed manufactured home; all easements, rights of way, streets, roads, alleys, and public places, privileges, and appurtenances, public or private, now or later used in connection with the premises; and all rights to make divisions of the land that are exempt from the platting requirements of all applicable land division or platting acts, as amended from time to time. Attention Purchasers: the foreclosing Mortgagee reserves the right to cancel the sale prior to sale or to rescind this sale at any time. In that event, your damages, if any, will be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest. If the mortgaged property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention Homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. The length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from date of sale, unless the redemption period is shortened pursuant to MCL 600.3241a or MCL 600.3238, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale or as otherwise provided by statute. DATED: April 24, 2025 ANDREW W. BARNES (P70571) BUTZEL LONG P.C. ATTORNEYS FOR UNITED FEDERAL CREDIT UNION 317 Center Street South Haven, MI 49090 269-287-2010

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the Circuit Court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 09:00 AM, on June 5, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Cory L. DeHaan, a Single Man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans, Inc., its successors and assigns Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc Date of Mortgage: September 1, 2015 Date of Mortgage Recording: September 16, 2015 Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: $133,426.68 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Township of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, and are described as: THAT PART OF THE EAST 2.75 ACRES OF THAT PART OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 17, TOWN 2 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, LYING SOUTH OF THE FORMER PERE MARQUETTE, NOW CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC. PROPERTY AND NORTH OF BABYLON ROAD, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF BABYLON ROAD WITH THE NORTH AND SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SECTION 17 BEING NORTH 00 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST 505.13 FEET FROM THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 17; THENCE PROCEEDING NORTHWESTERLY ON THE CENTERLINE OF BABYLON ROAD ON A 512.095 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE LEFT 216.80 FEET, HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 24 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 23 SECONDS AND WHOSE CHORD BEARS NORTH 63 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST 215.18 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST 209.90 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF THE CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC. PROPERTY; THENCE ON SAID SOUTHERLY LINE SOUTH 71 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST 203.00 FEET TO THE NORTH AND SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SECTION 17; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST 242.02 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Commonly Known as: 3301 Babylon Rd., Allegan, MI 49010 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention Purchaser: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: 04/24/2025 Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 251 Diversion Street, Rochester, MI 48307 248-853-4400 312992

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, Michigan, starting promptly at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 5th day of June, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

The mortgage was made by KEITH BUCHHOLZ, a single man ("Mortgagor"), to GREENSTONE FARM CREDIT SERVICES, FLCA, a federally chartered corporation, having an office at 3515 West Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823 (the "Mortgagee"), dated August 8, 2019, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Allegan County, Michigan on August 13, 2019, as Document No. 2019013541 or Liber 4370, Page 462 (the "Mortgage"). By reason of a default under the conditions of the Mortgage, the Mortgagee elects to declare and hereby declares the entire unpaid amount of the Mortgage due and payable forthwith. Mortgagee is the owner of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage.

As of the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on the Mortgage the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety and 48/100 Dollars ($179,790.48). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage or any part thereof.

The premises covered by the Mortgage are situated in the Township of Ganges, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, and are described as follows:

The South 40 acres of the North 70 acres of the East 3/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 34, Town 2 North, Range 16 West, Ganges Township, Allegan County, Michigan, except a strip 1 rod wide off the North side thereof.

And the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 34, Town 2 North, Range 16 West, Ganges Township, Allegan County, Michigan

Together with all fixtures, tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances belonging or in any way appertaining to the premises.

Commonly known as: 1270 64th Street, Fennville, Michigan 49408

P.P. #03-07-034-015-01 and 03-07-034-015-02

Notice is further given that the length of the redemption period will be one (1) year from the date of sale.

If the premises are sold at a foreclosure sale, under MCLA §600.3278 the Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the premises at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the Mortgagee for damaging the premises during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Dated: May 1, 2025

GREENSTONE FARM CREDIT SERVICES, FLCA

Mortgagee

Timothy Hillegonds

WARNER NORCROSS + JUDD LLP

150 Ottawa Avenue NW Suite 1500

Grand Rapids, MI 49503-2487

(616) 752-2000

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on June 05, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Randall Overweg and Dee Ann Overweg, husband and wife Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: August 21, 2023 Recorded on September 5, 2023, in Document No. 2023012709, Liber 4883, on Page 318, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Union Home Mortgage Corp. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Two Hundred Eighty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Four and 96/100 Dollars ($284,434.96) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Part of the East half of the Southwest 1/4 Section 16, Town 3 North, Range 14 West, Heath Township, Allegan County, Michigan described as beginning at the South 1/4 corner of Section 16 and proceeding thence along the South line of Section 16 due West 233.52 feet; thence along the centerline of an existing road North 05 degrees 28 minutes 57 seconds West 275.10 feet; thence South 89 degrees 39 minutes 42 seconds East 264.26 feet; thence along the North and South 1/4 line South 00 degrees 56 minutes 13 seconds West 272.31 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 4399 130th Ave, Hamilton, MI 49419 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party

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foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Union Home Mortgage Corp. Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65626-DE and JUDGE HON. MICHAEL L. BUCK
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Stephen Francis Donovan Date of Birth:*XXX
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Stephen Francis Donovan, died 3-22-2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to William Thomas Donowan, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
5-3-25
William Donovan
3307 Vega St
Houston, TX 77088
346-237-6281

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
File No. 22-64123-DE and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Norman Snyder, Jr Date of Birth:*June 09, 1962
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Norman Snyder, Jr, died December 15, 2022 .
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Cory Snyder, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
05/05/2025
Cory Snyder
1410 116th Ave
Otsego MI 49078
616-723-6549

TO ALL CREDITORS:
The Settlor, Morris Willard Handlogten (date of birth September 26, 1932), who lived at 2468 Wegnar Drive, Allegan, Michigan, died April 6, 2025. There is no personal representative of the settlor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Morris W. and Norma M. Handlogten Trust dated November 14, 2012, as amended, will be forever banned unless presented to Deborah L. Dufour, Trustee, within four months after the date of publication.
Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.
Date: April 21, 2025
Jennifer M. Racine P69709
2905 Wilson Ave. SW, Suite 214C
Grandville, MI 49418
(616) 530-2332
Deborah L. Dufour
11470 Wake Drive
Allendale, MI 49401
(616) 262-2555

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 24-64941-DE and JUDGE HON. JOLENE A. CLEARWATER
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Benjamin Joseph Vezzetti Date of Birth:*10-1-1941
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Benjamin Joseph Vezzetti, died 1/19/2024.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Benjamin Egedio Vezzetti, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
4/29/25
Ben Vezzetti
1041 Willow Trail
Goodlettsville TN 37072
608-228-6622

TO ALL PERSONS, including: (specify non-custodial parent's name here, if applicable)
whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: Brenton David Howard has filed a petition for name change.
A name change hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 10:00am at FAMILY COURT COURTHOUSE before Judge Hon. Jolene Clearwater P74848, to change the name of: Brenton David Howard to Brenton David Barbee

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 25-65620 DE
Estate of Eleanor M. Milhiem, Deceased
Date of Birth: 07/26/1932
NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent, Eleanor M. Milhiem, died on April 4, 2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Keith W. Milhiem, named personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut St. Allegan, MI 49010 and the named personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Date: May 1, 2025
David F. Kiel (P43048)
Orton, Tooman, Hale, McKown & Kiel, P.C.
314 Trowbridge Street, P.O. Box 239
Allegan, MI 49010-0239
(269) 673-2136
Keith W. Milhiem, Personal Representative
2683 Green Meadows Drive
Traverse City, MI 49685

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65574-DE and JUDGE Hon. Jolene Clearwater
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Durwood A. Young Date of Birth:*4/15/1933
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Durwood A. Young, a/k/a Woody Young, died 3/11/2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Denise A. Christie, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Neil L. Kimball P36653
Rhoades McKee, 55 Campau Ave. NW, Ste. 300
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616.235.3500
Denise A. Christie
6637 Vintage Dr.
Hudsonville, MI 49426
616.550.1760

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 23-64716 DE and JUDGE HON. JOLENE CLEARWATER
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of DOROTHY JEAN MCENTYRE, DECEASED Date of Birth:*03/23/1938
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, DOROTHY JEAN MCENTYRE, died October 5, 2023.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to John McEntyre and Stephen Ray Patrick, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
April 28, 2025
Paul W. Klein P39805
Attorney name (type or print)
126 Locust Street, Ste. B
Allegan, MI 49010
269.686.7400
John McEntyre Personal representative
1241 44th Street
Allegan, MI 49010
Stephen Ray Patrick
5978 144th Avenue
Holland, MI 49423

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the matter of the JAMES P. MASTALERZ TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 6, 2011
NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent, James P. Mastalerz, whose date of birth was October 21, 1940, and who resided at 2960 57th Street, Fennville, Michigan 49408, died March 21, 2025. There is no personal representative of the decedent's estate to whom letters of authority have been issued.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate and/or trust will be forever barred unless presented to Cynthia Lonski, Successor Trustee of the JAMES P. MASTALERZ TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 6, 2011 (the "Trust"), within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.
DATED:
May 1, 2025
Cynthia Lonski, Successor Trustee, c/o 80 Ottawa Avenue NW, Suite 301, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503
SHERLUND, PRESTON & VANMETER, PLLC
Attorneys for Successor Trustee
By: Jeffrey A. VanMeter (P49046) 80 Ottawa Avenue NW, Suite 301 Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503 Telephone: (616) 774-3020

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on June 5, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Chris Wheatley, married man
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): PennyMac Loan Services LLC
Date of Mortgage: October 27, 2021
Date of Mortgage Recording: November 9, 2021
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $157,538.06
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Salem, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: That part of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 33, Town 4 North, Range 13 West, Salem Township, Allegan County, Michigan, described as commencing at the South 1/4 post of said Section; thence South 88 degrees 39 minutes 31 seconds West, on the South Section line, 931.40 feet; thence North 01 degrees 31 minutes 12 seconds West, parallel to the East line of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of Southwest 1/4, 710.50 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel of land herein described; thence continuing North 01 degrees 31 minutes 12 seconds West, 380.17 feet; thence North 88 degrees 39 minutes 31 seconds East, parallel to the South Section line, 270.00 feet to the East line of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 33; thence South 01 degrees 31 minutes 12 seconds East, on said East line, 380.17 feet; thence South 88 degrees 39 minutes 31 seconds West, 270.00 feet to the point of beginning. Together with and subject to a 50 foot wide private roadway easement for ingress and egress over and across a strip of land described as beginning at a point on the South line of Section 33, Town 4 North, Range 13 West, being South 88 degrees 39 minutes 31 seconds West 881.40 feet from the South 1/4 corner of Section 33; thence proceeding on The South line of Section 33, South 88 degrees 39 minutes 31 seconds West 50.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 31 minutes 12 seconds West 1290.67 feet; thence North 88 degrees 39 minutes 31 seconds East 50.00 feet; thence South 01 degrees 31 minutes 12 seconds East 1290.87 feet to the point of beginning of this easement description. That part of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 33, Town 4 North, Range 13 West, Salem Township, Allegan County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the South line of Section 33 being South 88 degrees 39 minutes 31 seconds West 881.40 feet from the South 1/4 corner of Section 33, thence proceeding on the South line of Section 33, South 88 degrees 39 minutes 31 seconds West 50.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 31 minutes 12 seconds West 1290.67 feet; thence North 88 degrees 39 minutes 31 seconds East 50.00 feet; thence South 01 degrees 31 minutes 12 seconds East 1290.67 feet to the point of beginning. Also, an easement over a strip of land 18 feet East and West by 400 feet North and South lying adjacent to the West line of the above described premises, said 18 feet by 400 feet lying adjacent to the South section line.
Common street address (if any): 3731 Deer Pathway Ave, Hamilton, MI 49419-8583
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: May 8, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1560687
(05-08)(05-29)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
ALLEGAN COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT – CIVIL DIVISION
113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 / 269-673-0300
CASE NO.: 25-70277-CK
HORIZON BANK, Plaintiff,
v.

BARRY A. BOSBY, Defendant.
NOTICE OF SUIT
This Notice of Suit is to the Defendant above named.
You are notified that you have been sued in the Allegan County Circuit Court, 113 Chestnut St., Allegan, MI 49010, in an action entitled Horizon Bank v. Barry A. Bosby, Case No. 25-70277-CK by the person named above as Plaintiff.
The nature of the suit against you is:
Complaint for breach of Retail Installment Contract dated December 11, 2021.
You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within twenty-eight (28) days after the Third Notice of Suit is published, and if you fail to do so a judgment by default may be entered.
BUTZEL LONG P.C.
Andrew W. Barnes (P70571)
Attorneys for Horizon Bank
317 Center St.
South Haven, MI 49090
(269) 287-2010
5-8 5-22

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY
Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on July 03, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Tracy Ensley, unmarried Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: August 31, 2016 Recorded on September 26, 2016, Liber 4069, on Page 474, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): The Huntington National Bank Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Seventy-Two Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Six and 03/100 Dollars ($72,426.03) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Lots 52, 53, 54, 55, 56 and Lots 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 and Lots 49, 50 and 51 of Round Lake Beach Plat, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2A of plats, Page 66, Allegan County Records. EXCEPT: All that part of Lots 18 and 19, and vacated Chicago Avenue and Beach Avenue of the Plat of Round Lake Beach, according to the recorded Plat thereof, in Section 18, Town 2 North, Range 14 West, and described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of Lot 52 of said Plat; thence South 01° 39`09" West along the East line of Vacated Chicago Avenue, 30.00 feet; thence North 88° 38`21" West on the South line of Lot 18, 242.01 feet to the Westerly line of said Plat; thence North 20° 54`11" East (Previously recorded as North 21 East) on said line, 66.33 feet; thence South 79° 56`53" East 215.14 feet to the Northwest corner of Lot 52 of said Plat and the Place of Beginning. Commonly known as 1806 48th St, Fennville, MI 49408 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. The Huntington National Bank Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400
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(05-08)(05-29)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
FILE NO. 24-64759-GM
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING
In the matter of ESTELLE GOODALL
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including:
BRYAN WILLIAMS
whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on MAY 16, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. at 113 CHESTNUT STREET, ALLEGAN, MI 49010 before Judge JOLENE CLEARWATER P74848 for the following purpose:
REVIEW MINOR GUARDIANSHIP
04/30/2025
ALLEGAN COUNTY PROBATE COURT
113 CHESTNUT STREET
ALLEGAN, MI 49010
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TO ALL PERSONS, including: (specify non-custodial parent's name here, if applicable)
whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: Tyler James McDaniel has filed a petition for name change.
A name change hearing will be held on June 10, 2025 @3:00pm EST at 113 Chestnut St, Allegan, MI 49010 before Judge Hon. Jolene Clearwater (P74848), to change the name of: Tyler James McDaniel to Tyler James VanOrder

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RELIGION SECTION

I was shaving on Easter Monday I heard the news on the radio of Pope Francis' death, and it surprised me. Hadn't we just seen him the day before, waving to the crowds who had come to the Vatican to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus? Then the next morning, he was gone. All things considered, what a nice way to pass away.

One phrase which I heard repeated many times over is "Holy Father." It is one of the titles associated closely with the Popes, and I like it. No, I am not a Roman Catholic, so it is impossible for me to understand it completely. However, I did have a father, so I get the general drift of its meaning.

We sometimes speak of the 'father figure.' Usually, it is an older, intelligent, experienced man with a kind and gracious heart. For those of us of a certain age, television provides the examples in programs such as Leave it to Beaver, Father Knows Best, and Andy Griffith. Suffice it to know that Archie Bunker and George Jefferson will not make the cut.

Above all, regardless of the individual's intellect or any other attribute, we want the personal connection from someone who touches our heart and mind on our level. Pope Francis ticked many of the right boxes for many people. He was the great leader of a vast church, powerful and influential, yet welcomed a young child who spontaneously came up to him in the middle of an important meeting. On his last day, while touring the courtyard in front of St Peter's, he paused to bless an infant.

This was never staged or planned. It was not a 'photo-op' to make him look good. It came straight from the heart, and people loved him because of it.

The world will always have a desperate need for father figures, and it is never based on their wealth or status. It is their heart that matters. Some seventy years later, and I remember how Dr. Howard Polley would drop down to his knees in the middle of the church foyer to shake hands on my level. No one told me he was a famous physician who helped develop Cortisone and was well known around the world. We were friends, and that is all that mattered then or now.

Or Evans, the custodian at the local historical society where I had my first job as his assistant, who taught practical lessons in self-discipline and hard work. Or, Mr. Ness who had a small cabinet making shop, and shared his knowledge of different types of wood. Or, Professor Henry who, when he realized I had a passionate interest in church history, always welcomed me into his office for tea and conversation.

All of these men, along with many others, had an openness and a heart for other people. They gave of themselves and wanted nothing in return.

Pope Francis has demonstrated how brief moments of personal interaction can significantly enhance the lives of others. If we choose, we can join their ranks.

G C Stoppel
Priest Associate
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan, MI

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Pastor Chad Peckham
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www.cascoumc.org

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Dorr, MI 49323
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Pastor Eric Burrows-Stone
dunningville.org/index.html

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269-672-5746
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Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
101 North Walnut St, Allegan
Office: 673-2254

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John Looman, Pastor
673-5040 1-888-354-3272

Fennville Assembly of God
5897 124th Ave.
Fennville, MI 49408
269-561-2683

Fennville United Methodist Church
5849 124th St., Fennville
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Bob Lynch, Pastor
www.fennvilleumc.org

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www.fpcallegan.org
10:30 service time.

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247 E Allegan St., Otsego
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firstbaptist@fbcotsego.org

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269 673-3881
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303 East Bridge St.
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Ganges Baptist Church
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Gracechurchofhamilton@gmail.com

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Pastor Nicole Smith
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Pastor Kelsey French

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Pastor Everett Belue
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Pastor Tadd Butler
673-1938

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www.northbridge.cc

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Pastor Gary Lounsberry
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Hamilton. Mi. 49419
616 688 5290
Pastor Mark Vande Zande

Otsego United Methodist Church
223 E Allegan St. Otsego MI
10:00 a.m. Worship
Reverend Dan Minor
Otsegomethodistchurch.org

Peace Lutheran Church
805 S. Wilmott St., Otsego
www.peaceotsego.com
694-6104

Pearl United Methodist Church
1689 56th St., Fennville
269-561-5048 Worship 9:30 am
Bob Lynch, Pastor
www.fennvilleumc.org

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2281 57th St, Fennville
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Rev. Jeremias & Maribel Gaytan
231) 923-6887 - (231) 923-6959
Email: gytnj@yahoo.com

Plainwell First Baptist Church
404 W. Bridge St., Plainwell
(269) 685-8888
Pastor George Osborn

Plainwell First United Methodist Church
200 Park St. Plainwell
269-685-5113
www.fumcplainwell.com

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616-218-1556
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6069 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck, MI 49453
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